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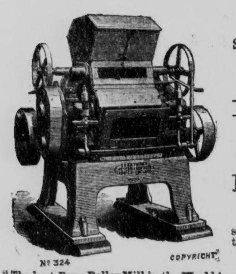
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Ladies' Macintoshes, 8/11 to 63/-, Sale Prices, 4/11 to 29/11.

Colored Tweed Golf Capes, lined and unlined	under 16/11	—Sale	5/11
Check Black and Tan, lined and unlined	„ 22/6	„	10/11
Checked Black & Tan various	„ 42/-	„	19/11
„	59/6	„	29/11
Various	up to 79/-	„	39/6

PLUSH MANTLES.

Brown Sealette Mantle	35/-	—Sale	25/-
Brown Sealette Mantle, Trimmed Skunk	54/-	„	42/-
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Black Plush, Trimmed Bear	89/-	„	45/-
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5 Very Handsome Black Plush Mantles	8/8/- to 12/12/-		89/- each.

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Black Cloth Jackets	5/6	—Sale	2/11
„ „	6/11	„	3/11
„ „	8/11	„	4/11
„ „	10/11	„	6/11
„ „	12/11	„	8/11
„ „	15/6	„	10/11
„ „	18/6	„	12/11
„ „	21/9	„	14/11
„ „	26/9 to 31/6	„	19/11
„ „	35/- to 42/-	„	26/9
„ „	49/6 to 57/6	„	31/6
„ „	69/- to 79/-	„	39/6

Black Cloth Mantles	under 18/11	—Sale	6/11
„ „	„ 26/9	„	12/11
„ „	„ 45/-	„	21/9
„ „	„ 63/-	„	29/11
„ „	„ 72/6	„	39/6
„ „ Trim. Feather	5/5/-	„	59/6

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Grey Fancy Cloth	7/7/-	„	59/6
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WATERLOO HOUSE CLEARANCE SALE, WINTER MANTLES AND JACKETS.

PALETOTS.

Ladies' Black Cloth Paletot,	31/-	—Sale	21/9
„ Tan Cloth Paletot	69/-	„	39/6
„ Trimmed Beaver	75/-	„	49/6

Goods cannot be sent on approbation at Sale Prices.

Ladies' Tan Cloth Jackets,	under 12/6	—Sale	4/11
„ „	under 21/-	„	8/11
„ „	at 21/-	„	12/11
Frieze and Colored Jackets,	25/6 to 39/6	„	18/11
Tan and Frieze Jackets, various	36/9 to 55/-	„	26/9
Colored Jackets, various	55/- to 84/-	„	35/-
„ „ „	69/- to 110/-	„	39/6
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„ „	6½ gns.	„	59/6

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From 8 to 15 years.

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„ „ „	„ 28/6	„	17/11

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Young Ladies' Black Jackets,	under 6/11	sale	3/11
„ „ „	„ 12/-	„	6/11
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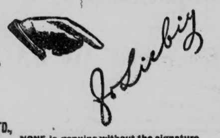

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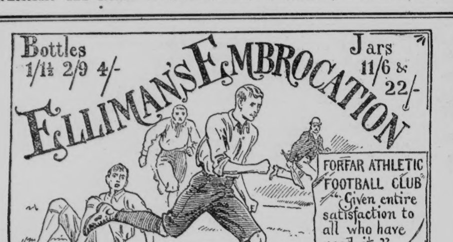

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CHAPTER XV.

SHADOWS.

As the sun set the temperature fell; until the night bid fair to be one of the coldest of the winter. Domestic New York hugged its fireside or sat over its register; aristocratic New York shone in the opera and the reception; impecunious New York shivered at its lodgings or crowded round bar-room stoves; evil New York was drinking, plotting, and working mischief. There was a certain region where all these various elements of the community came into contact with one another; and here, as evening came on, the streets, in spite of their chilliness, were as bustling as at noon-day.

The sky was clear and all the stars were in their places, though few of the city's inhabitants were at the pains to look up between the high buildings and assure themselves of the fact. Fortunately for the stability of the solar system it is not essential thereto that mankind should look after it. Moreover, the electric lights were blazing aloft, and their hard white light, though it flooded the streets with radiance, made the heavens look dark. On the pavements the shadows of the buildings, of the leafless trees, of the telegraph wires, and of the passers-by, were silhouetted as sharply as if cut with a pair of scissors—the shears of the Fates, perhaps. So peculiar is the aspect of these shadows of the electric light—so different from the shadows of the sunlight, or of the moon—that they never fail to attract the attention of those who behold them for the first time. They could, however, scarcely have been a novelty to the man who, standing beneath the porch of the Gilsey House, with a lighted cigar between his fingers, bent his gaze upon them in deep abstraction. For if any citizen of the chief city of America were intimately acquainted with its every phase and manifestation, that citizen was assuredly the one we speak of. Another man, who was slouching up and down the pavement near by, and sending furtive glances in all directions, may be recognised as the individual heretofore introduced as Muggins.

All of a sudden Muggins slouched up to the gentleman with the cigar and pulled him by the sleeve.

"That's him!" he exclaimed, below his breath; "that's your man, inspector! That's Mike McGloin!" And he pointed with his finger to an individual amid the throng that was hurrying by in the frosty air.

The inspector instantly roused himself from his abstraction, and looked in the direction indicated.

His glance fell upon a man whose countenance, though young in years, was darkened by evil instincts. The features were cast in a mould rather comely than otherwise; but the attractiveness which they might else have possessed was marred by an insolent and braggart expression, oddly combined with the low cunning suggestive of the thief. The fellow was dressed in what is known as a slopshop suit of clothes; but as he swaggered by, there was that in his bearing that betrayed the self-conceit of the fop and the rowdy combined.

The inspector tossed away his half-smoked cigar (which was incontinently pounced upon by Muggins) and stepped out into the glare of the electric lamps. His shadow projected after that of McGloin, and kept pace with it. An attendant followed him at a short distance.

The clock of the Gilsey House, glowing high aloft like a moon, marked nine o'clock. As the icy north wind blew against the pedestrians, the evil-faced young man shivered and thrust his red hands into his trowsers pockets. Presently he turned a corner to the left, and after proceeding about half-way down the block, entered the door of a grogshop. The window of this establishment was protected by a greasy and tattered window-shade, and over the portal a dimly-burning lamp was suspended from a rusty iron shaft.

Within the atmosphere was foul with clouds of tobacco smoke, and heated by the radiations from the big stove at the further end of the room. Round this stove was congregated a noisy company, mostly youths of twenty years old and under, who imitated the conversation and bearing of grown-up men, and fancied that they enjoyed the honours of maturity when they only aped its vices. They were seated in an irregular semicircle, with the stove in the midst of them, their legs being extended toward it in various attitudes of negligence. Among the rest appeared a small pair of feet, encased in neat gaiter-boots with French heels, and appertaining to a remarkably pretty young woman, in whose countenance the freshness of girlhood was rendered sinister by the absence of girlish innocence.

The new-comer was evidently a familiar figure to this group; and as he lounged at the bar, and tossed off a couple of fingers of crude whisky, they hailed him as "Mike," and inquired his views as to certain sporting events which were expected to come off within the next few days. The person thus appealed to assumed a domineering and dogmatic air, and lost no opportunity of browbeating and bulldozing his interlocutors; who, for their parts, accepted his hectoring with meekness, and made no attempt to contest his supremacy in their councils. The young girl looked attentively at him, but said nothing, although he once or twice addressed what he perhaps considered to be a gallant remark to her. Had she been asked her opinion about him, she would probably have replied that he wasn't bad looking, but that he looked bad, and was not her style, any way. In fact, his manners could not be called conciliating. But, as among the blind the one-eyed man is king, so among this crowd of half-baked young scamps, Mike McGloin was master. He was a little more audacious, more experienced, more depraved than they, and therefore they submitted to his leadership.

But McGloin was restless; he could not long be at ease in any one place. Like the wandering Jew, something within him seemed ever impelling him to go on. So, after a brief sojourn in this captivating retreat, he tossed off a final gulp of whisky, threw the price of it down upon the counter, and with a parting wink at the young woman with the French heels, he swaggered out into the frozen streets once more.

As he forged along, with his chin on his breast and his hands in his pockets, the pursuing shadow still kept pace with his own upon the pavement. At the corner of the next avenue there was a large cigar store. McGloin took a peep through the glass door, and, apparently satisfied with what he saw, opened it and walked in.

The place was as well filled as the other, and with an even more ill-looking company. But these were not youngsters just launching out upon a career of dissipation and crime. They had seen many phases of life; they had passed through various vicissitudes; they were, in the bad sense, men of the world. A couple of compactly-built fellows, with clean-shaven faces, small eyes, and flat noses, were evidently graduates of the prize-ring. A tall chap with a fur cap on his head, a three days' growth of beard on his chin, and wearing a voluminous overcoat, was professionally interested in dogs, and was noted for his success in evading the law regarding dog-fights. Astride of a chair, his arms resting upon its back, was a lantern-jawed athlete who was in the habit of replenishing his constantly depleted exchequer by giving sparring lessons to young gentlemen of wealth and education. Consulting together in a corner were a brace of sharp-faced individuals who courted fortune on the race-track, or wherever else the odds could be arranged to suit the initiated. In the background was a cluster of hulking loafers, evidently prepared to take a hand in any job that promised large returns for a plentiful investment of audacity or cunning.

In this assemblage McGloin's swagger collapsed as the distended tail of a turkey-gobbler abases itself at the ominous shadow of the sparrow-hawk. These men were to him what he was to the youths of the lowly groggery. His bullying tones moderated themselves to a hoarse affability; his intollerant eye now blinked and swerved deferentially; his pose lost its arrogant assurance, and became servile and apologetic; his scornful laugh was turned into an appealing giggle. These veteran scoundrels were neither his inferiors nor his equals; they were his ideals, his masters, the gods of his depraved idolatry. He insinuates himself into any group that condescends to tolerate his presence; he cringes like a spaniel before those who notice him, and it is the acme of his ambition to be seen in their company and to be numbered among their intimates. But they have private affairs of their own to discuss, and shoulder him aside with scant courtesy. So he slinks to the door, and out upon the frozen streets again. And again the frosty lamps show another shadow gliding behind his own.

After rambling hither and thither aimlessly for a while, McGloin, warmed and stimulated by the whisky which he had swallowed, came upon Seventh-avenue, at its junction with Twenty-ninth-street. Here happened to be collected a half-dozen young loafers of his own age and disposition, to whom he joined himself. His swagger had returned to him; he laughed and joked and bragged as boldly as ever. The group were engaged in the agreeable and genial pastime of bandying leers and coarse jests with the highly-coloured and brilliantly-attired young women who, at this hour, parade the streets like spangled performers before their booths, luring the unwary to come within. Here McGloin approved himself an adept; he was the loudest, the coarsest, the most impudent of all. Such sordid gallantries had an evident fascination for him, and he prided himself upon his profligacy of the gutter. A hectoring bully, a swaggering vagabond, a servile lickspittle, a bawdy-house debauchee—in a word, a New York "tough"—the most contemptible type of ruffians that infests the earth—such was Mike McGloin.

All at once, he lounged apart from his companions and exchanged signals with a fellow who had approached from one of the side streets. They came together, and greeted each other in an undertone.

"Hello, Banfield!"

"Hello, Mike!"

The two sauntered off side by side, conversing earnestly and in subdued voices; the shadow in their wake. Mischief of some kind was afoot; what it was remained to be seen. Apparently, however, the denouement was not to be to-night; for, on the corner of Thirteenth-street, the pair separated with an "all right!" from one and the other; Banfield returning southward, while McGloin continued on toward the east, and eastward also drifts the shadow. But the vagaries of the evening were now at an end. The young ruffian let himself in at the door of a mean-looking dwelling-house in the lower part of the street, and the shadow, noting the number over the entrance, passed on, having fulfilled its mission.

The inspector and his detective returned up the street, and parted at the corner. The former walked down Sixth-avenue deep in meditation.

Beyond doubt, appearances were against McGloin, both in general and in particular. Young as he was, his name had already been associated with more than one offence against the law. His companions were of the lowest class, and, as this night's investigation had sufficiently shown, his habits and haunts were evil. Moreover, as regarded the case at present under investigation, his record, though by no means conclusive of guilt, bore a suspicious appearance. He lived not far from Hanier's dwelling, and was accustomed to prowl around that vicinity. He had owned a pistol similar to that with which the murder was committed; on the day of the murder, this pistol was known to have been in his possession; immediately after the murder, precisely such a pistol had been pawned at a neighbouring pawnbroker's. These might be coincidences; but it was at least reasonable to regard them as indications pointing to a crime. More links were wanted, and they must either be found or proved not to exist. Might it not be possible, with a fellow so full of self-conceit and vanity as McGloin, to induce him to incriminate himself?

It was probable, indeed, that McGloin's guilt (assuming him to be guilty) was known to one or more of his intimates. But it was vain to expect that they would betray him. If they had not been actual participators in his crime, they were at all events experienced rascals, who had tasted the bitter fruit of evil-doing, and had learned the value of a silent tongue. There was, therefore, nothing to be got out of them. McGloin would have to be his own accuser.

To those unversed in the methods of criminal investigation this conclusion would seem to interpose an impenetrable barrier between justice and the offender. What sane person would look to see a murderer put the halter round his own neck? But the inspector's experience had shown him the possibility of many apparently impossible things. He remembered men who had committed grave crimes, and who, contrary to all anticipation, had been led into damning admission of their guilt. In order to secure this result, however, the criminal's character must be understood, his idiosyncrasies studied, his weaknesses played upon. McGloin's weak point was unquestionably a low kind of vanity—a craving to augment his importance in the eyes of those whose admiration he coveted. It was this craving that was at the root of all his evil and vicious deeds. A mind ruled by such a passion could be assailed, and by judicious management reduced to subjection. Rightly worked, McGloin's yearning for sinister notoriety might guide him unawares to the steps of the scaffold, and even cause him to ascend them.

But who was to stimulate this fatal vanity? Hardly the inspector himself; nor would any of his subordinate officers be likely to succeed any better. He was too shy and too shrewd a bird for that. He must be approached in some novel and unexpected way; his suspicions and his prudence must be disarmed. The problem was a difficult one. Perhaps, after all, it would be better to await the result of the investigation into the identity of the ticket forger. If he and McGloin turned out to be one and the same, the solution of the mystery would not be far off.

Such were the inspector's meditations as he traversed the lamp-lit avenue, now almost entirely deserted; for the icy wind had driven to their homes nearly all who had a home to be driven to. But, as he approached a saloon on a corner of a street, he saw a group of brawlers collected in front of it, all talking and gesticulating vigorously. The bar-tender of the place, it appeared, had put a slight upon one of the women of the party, and, upon its being resented, had turned the entire gang out on the sidewalk. The inspector stepped aside into the shadow of a doorway, until the advent of a policeman sent the gang scurrying in various directions. Then, coming out into the glare of light, he found one girl still remaining—a youthful and prepossessing creature—who had dropped some trinket and was searching for it on the pavement. The inspector recognised the girl. She was the same one we caught a glimpse of earlier in the evening at the low groggery near Broadway. But the detective's knowledge of her dated back to a period much more remote. She raised herself from her stooping position as he approached, and her eyes fell upon him; it was evident that the recognition was mutual.

"Charlotte," he said, "who were those women you were with?"

"You know as well as I do, inspector," she answered, looking down.

"And you are ——"

"Oh, I'm one of them."

"I'm sorry to hear it. When I sent you home to your mother in Elmira a year ago, you promised me to give up this life."

"Yes, I know that," she said in a quavering voice, and she began to cry.

"You have seen something of the lively side of this sort of thing," he resumed after a pause; "but you don't know yet what the other side of it is like. As long as you keep your good looks and high spirits, it will seem pleasant; but that is only a matter of a short time, and then you will find it very different. When your mother came to me a year ago and asked me to find you, she made no reproaches against you; she forgave you everything beforehand. When I found you and took you to her, you seemed repentant; she kissed you and called you her darling daughter; and you seemed to realise what you had done, and that your mother was worth all the fun and frolic of the city, and a great deal more. And you promised, in my hearing, never to leave her as long as she lived. That's why I didn't expect to see you here again so soon." By this time the girl was sobbing so violently that she could hardly speak. And when she was able to articulate, the only words the inspector caught were "That's just the reason of it!"

"What do you mean by that?" he demanded.

"Mother is dead," replied the girl; and then she broke down again.

"Well, that's sad," he said, after a moment; "she was a good mother."

"Yes, she was," returned the girl, controlling herself with an effort. "There was nobody like her, and I was not long in finding that out, after she was gone. I wanted to reform—God knows it; but they wouldn't let me. They shunned me like a pestilence—the respectable ones did; the others didn't shun me enough! I hate them, and myself, and everybody. The place I was born in became a hell to me. I was haunted and insulted everywhere. I had no money, either. At last I sold our little house, and came back here. There was nothing I could do here to earn an honest living. The things I learned at school were no good for that. Besides, I didn't care; why should I? So the end of it was, I became what I am!"

"You are young yet," said the inspector, gravely. "You can lead a decent life, if you will."

"No, I can't, inspector, and you know it. Suppose I went into a reformatory. I should herd there with women who have been worse than I, and go out again at last to begin the same life on a lower level. I don't care for it, thank you!"

All traces of sorrow and remorse had left her. It was a reckless courtesan who now stood before him, laughing, mocking and defiant.

"Well, Charlotte, I'm sorry for you," he said, turning away.

"Show me another way to live, then," she exclaimed. "What am I to do! Perhaps you might get me a position on the force. I'd make a famous detective—just try me!" and she laughed again.

The inspector faced her once more. An idea had struck him. Here was a girl who was not only pretty and sprightly, but clever and well-educated as well; and not yet utterly depraved. If her energies were rightly directed—if she were given such work to do as he might furnish her with—why might she not prove an effective instrument? There would be romance to touch her imagination, and mysteries to tax her ingenuity; surely these might suffice to draw her out of the rut into which she had fallen, while, at the same time, she would be doing good service to the cause of justice. He believed he could trust the girl: she was grateful to him for restoring her to her mother, and would not deceive him. It would be worth making the trial, at all events. If a woman like this were set upon McGloin, for instance, the odds were in favour of her being able to surprise his secret.

"Come along with me, Charlotte," he said; "I have something to propose to you. If you have nerve and prudence, there may be a better future in store for you than you imagine."

He unfolded his design to her cautiously and gradually, not disguising from her the difficulties she would have to encounter, but rather seeking to stimulate her ambition and awaken her courage by dwelling upon them. But the girl leaped at the opportunity that was opened to her, like a famishing creature at wholesome food; and the inspector was struck not more by her eagerness than by her apparent aptitude. Before he left her that night, he appointed an hour for her to call at the office the next day, and receive specific instructions as to her duties.

She duly made her appearance, and was admitted to a business interview. In pursuance of the settled policy of the Detective Bureau, she was not given any further insight into the case than her actual functions rendered necessary; she did not even know what was the specific crime concerning which she was to gather information. She was simply directed to ingratiate herself with McGloin, and elicit from him whatever confidences he could be induced to impart to her.

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FOOTBALL NOTES.

[BY HALF-BACK]

The Grenadier Guards were badly beaten by Ipswich Town on Saturday, and the supporters of the "Stripes" have not, I think it may be fairly allowed, seen their forwards in such an excellent form before this season. During the second half there was simply no holding the five, who all played remarkably well together. The combination, in fact, was neater than I have seen it for some time. Towns, who has generally been looked upon as rather the weak spot in the front line, quite outshone himself, and was no end of trouble to the defence, his single-handed goal being a fitting reward for his unflinching determination and activity. Cotton was too good for the half opposed to him, and was happily less disposed to selfish play. Stanley Turner did as usual the lion's share of the forward work, frequently coming to the assistance of the defence at the right time. Oxborrow was a bit out in his shooting, but the centre's long shots were well directed, and tried Doody's powers to the utmost.

The soldiers went off with extraordinary dash and scored their only goal before the expiration of two minutes' play. Judging by this it certainly appeared that the Town were in for a defeat, and a rather heavy one to boot; but once the home defence had the full measure of their opponents, it soon became apparent that the visitors' front rank lacked combination. Their backs, however, were exceptionally good, Private Hooton's performance being exceptionally praiseworthy. Walford's kicking appeared to be more reliable, and all three Town halves were upon excellent terms with themselves and completely spoiled the visitors' attack.

This afternoon the Town will appear against the C.E.Y.M.S. upon the Earlham Road ground, Norwich, in the qualifying competition of the English Amateur Cup. If they could perform as they did on Saturday they would probably pull through, but, unfortunately, experience has taught that the rule is—although, of course, there are exceptions—that the team does not perform so well away as at home. Therefore, I should rather expect them to get a little the worse of a very tough fight. R. G. Steward, who last year was playing full-back for the Town, is now a member of the C.E.Y.M.S., and quite eligible, I believe, to oppose his old comrades this afternoon.

Two matches only were played on Saturday in the North Suffolk League. Beccles College followed up their excellent performance of the previous week, viz., drawing with the Caxton upon the Caxton ground, by beating the Chaucer Press men, at Bungay, by a goal to nothing. They have thus succeeded in taking three points out of two of the best teams in the league, both games being played away from home. This is, probably, the best performance yet of any club in the competition. Kirkley and Lowestoft Town, keen rivals, met for the first time in a League match, with the result that the Junior Cup holders came off victorious by four goals to two. This win gave Kirkley the lead on the table, with the same number of points as the Chaucer Press, but a game in hand. The matches in the competition for to-day are Saxmundham *v.* Kirkley, at Saxmundham, and Halesworth *v.* Leiston, at Halesworth. The table now stands as under:—

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lst.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Kirkley	2	2	0	0	8	4	4
Chaucer Press	3	2	0	1	7	2	4
Beccles Caxton	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
Beccles College	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Lowestoft Town	3	1	0	2	7	9	2
Saxmundham	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Halesworth	1	0	0	1	1	4	0
Leiston	2	0	0	2	2	7	0

Two matches also were played in the West Suffolk League. The Bury Alexandrians are establishing a long lead on the table, and appear likely to be easy winners of the first championship. They simply romped away with the Glemsford men at Bury to the tune of seven goals to *nil*, which brings their goal average 24 for two against. A very flattering record indeed. Sudbury, playing at Haverhill, did very well to draw with the Rovers, who thus lost the first point out of four engagements. This competition is further advanced than that of North Suffolk, but there are two clubs yet to win their first engagement. A rather unique experience is that of Glemsford, who although they have secured two points, have only scored a single goal in all their six engagements, and have no less than 21 goals scored against them. The West Suffolk table is as under:—

	Pld.	Won.	Drn.	Lst.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Bury Alexandra	5	5	0	0	24	2	10
Haverhill Rovers	4	3	1	0	7	2	7
Long Melford	6	3	0	3	16	10	6
Haverhill Town	3	2	0	1	15	3	4
Sudbury	4	0	2	2	1	6	2
Glemsford	6	1	0	5	1	21	2
Lavenham	2	1	0	1	1	6	2
Bury Town	4	0	1	3	2	17	1

Cowell's Athletic received severe handling upon their own ground at the hands of Colchester Town, six goals to *nil* being the final state of the score sheet at call of time. The Ipswich Printers appear to be going from bad to worse, and from being one of the leading senior clubs have fallen to the low estate of a very moderate junior lot. Unless there is soon a marked improvement noticeable amongst them their record sheet and goal average will at the end of the season be a somewhat startling one, and one also of which they will feel in no way proud.

Framlingham College, with a weak line of forwards, journeyed to Halesworth, and were badly beaten by three goals to one. The absence of Watson and Pretty in the front rank doubtless made a considerable difference in the Collegians' attack, and although Grieveson, Disbrowe, and McQueen were part of the team, the absence of Towle considerably weakened the defence. Nevertheless, the Halesworth men did extremely well to beat their old opponents, in spite of the fact that they are not so formidable as last year.

Other local matches on Saturday resulted as under, the first mentioned being the home club:—

Orwell Works 5, Landguard Fort 2.
Leiston 4, Royal Engineers (Landguard), 2.
Harwich and Parkeston 4, Heybridge 0.
Ipswich R.A. 1, Ipswich Middle School, P. and P. 1.
Norwich C.E.Y.M.S. 4, Beccles Caxton 1.
Clare 0, Haverhill Town 4.
Nacton and District 4, Kirton Rovers 2.
Woodbridge Grammar School 1, St. Helens, Ipswich, 2.
Woodbridge Old St. Mary's 0, Ipswich 3rd XI. 2.
Haughley 4, Orwell Works 2nd XI. 2.

On Wednesday afternoon Suffolk tried conclusions with Cambridge University, the meeting taking place at Portman Road ground. The match did not arouse much enthusiasm, the county being vastly inferior to the University men, who, at the end of the engagement, were victorious by 5 goals to *nil*.

The victors played admirably, their combination being exceedingly smart. The forwards pressed with precision and judgment, whilst the judicious play of the halves helped the front rank considerably. Too much praise cannot be said of the backs, and especially Lodge, who was the shining light of the whole team. Gostling, in goal, had not much to do, but several times he gave evidence of his capabilities as a goalkeeper.

With regard to Suffolk it cannot be said they covered themselves with glory. The forwards were a very mediocre lot, Kent, of Ipswich Town, being far ahead of his confreres. It was a mistake to try Ward at centre forward; a more experienced player would have done far better. His judgment on many occasions was at fault. The halves were moderate. Of the backs much can be said in their favour. Bailey defended splendidly, frequently being applauded for his fine tackling and kicking, while Berwick did equally well on the opposite wing. Cornell, in goal, was not blameable for the heavy score against him.

The following players, &c., took part in the game:—Suffolk: P. P. Cornell (Ipswich Town), goal; A. Bailey (Ipswich Town) and E. H. Berwick (Leiston), backs; A. J. Haward (Ipswich Town), F. W. Turner (Ipswich Town), and J. E. Grieveson (Framlingham College), half-backs; E. A. Kent (Ipswich Town) and C. Drake (Haverhill Town), right; J. M. Ward (Beccles Caxton), centre; C. L. Alexander (Ipswich Town) and E. Case (Stowmarket), left. Cambridge University: *E. V. Gostling (Caius) (capt.), goal; *L. V. Lodge (Magdalene) and G. H. Simpson (Clare), backs; B. Middleditch (Jesus), *C. O. S. Hatton (John's), and A. R. Lowe (Selwyn), half-backs; *J. H. Manly (Clare) and S. S. Taylor (Pembroke), right; W. W. Lowe (Pembroke), centre; H. J. Broadbent (Jesus) and C. J. Burnup (Clare), left. *Old Blues. Referee, Mr. P. Wiltshire (N.C.F.A.). Linesmen, Messrs. W. Kemp (Referees' Association) and A. Pretty (Suffolk).

On Thursday Beccles College Boys visited Yarmouth to play the Swifts on the Recreation Ground. Swifts won the toss, and elected to play with a slight wind in their favour. College kicked off, and immediately forced a corner. The visitors pressed, and completely penned the home team, but were unable to score. After ten minutes' play, the Swifts broke away and forced a corner, from which a goal was scored. After the kick-off the Collegians again pressed, gaining corner after corner, but the forwards seemed to have an objection to shooting, and so could not score. Needes centred well, but hands in front of goal relieved. College again attacked, Needes shooting wide. From the kick-off the visitors made another rush, Hockey putting in a good shot which was fisted out. Shortly after, Hockey again shot, landing the ball on the top of the net. At half-time the score stood, Yarmouth 1, Beccles College 0.

The second half was a repetition of the first, the Swifts putting on another goal, the Collegians also getting the ball past the goal-keeper once, the homesters thus winning by two to one. The College team was considerably weakened by the absence of Weston. For the home team the goal-keeper was far and away the best man and undoubtedly saved his side from defeat. For the visitors, Hockey played well at back, whilst Needes was most useful amongst the forwards. Robertson was the pick of the halves. The score certainly does not represent the game, for the home team only crossed the half-way line four times and scored from two of these rushes. At other times they were penned in their own goal. Beccles College: Goal, S. Hill; backs, H. Hockey and V. Tooth; half-backs, R. Robertson, G. T. Williams, and T. Wilkinson; forwards, B. Needes, A. J. Cunningham, F. Gostling, R. Davenport, and C. White.

Nacton and District, as a new organisation, deserve kindly notice. They have played eight matches this season, and have lost one, and then only by four goals to three. Their total score is 40 goals to their opponents' 13. Not at all a bad record. The new Rector of Nacton plays with the club. Play up "Nactonians."

Cowell's matches for to-day are as follow:—1st XI. *v.* St. Mary Stoke, on Stoke Rectory ground. 2nd XI. *v.* Middle School Past and Present 2nd, on Gyppeswick Park. 3rd XI. *v.* St. Helen's 3rd, on Park Road ground. 4th XI. *v.* Higher Grade 2nd, Gyppeswick Park. 5th XI. *v.* Orwell Rangers, on Recreation ground.

Both Sunderland and Everton were successful on Saturday, and therefore their relative positions remain unchanged; the games ended as follows, the first named being the home clubs:—Aston Villa beat Notts Forest 4—1; Bolton Wanderers lost to Small Heath 2—1; Wolverhampton Wanderers and Stoke played a draw 0—0; Sunderland beat Liverpool 3—2; Derby County beat Preston North End 2—1; Burnley beat West Bromwich Albion 2—0; Everton beat Blackburn Rovers 2—1. There were no mid-week matches, the table now reading as follows:—

	Plyd.	Won	Lost	Drn.	Goals For	Goals Agst.	Pts.
Everton	13	9	1	3	43	20	21
Sunderland	12	9	1	2	34	12	20
Aston Villa	15	8	6	1	35	21	17
Blackburn Rovers	14	6	3	5	27	21	17
Preston North End	15	7	5	3	25	23	17
Sheffield United	14	7	5	2	24	23	16
Burnley	14	6	5	3	25	19	15
Sheffield Wednesday	12	7	5	0	23	22	14
Small Heath	14	5	5	4	29	34	14
West Bromwich Albion	13	5	5	3	25	22	13
Notts Forest	13	6	6	1	22	26	13
Wolverhampton W.	14	4	8	2	19	29	10
Stoke	13	3	7	3	18	31	9
Bolton Wanderers	14	2	9	3	18	30	7
Liverpool	15	1	9	5	18	39	7
Derby County	11	2	7	2	14	27	6

In the Second Division Notts County and the leaders, Bury, met at the home of the Lacemen; the result was that the Lancastrians received their second reverse this season, the English Cup holders pulling off a hard-earned victory by two goals to one. Harrisson, late of Ipswich School and Town, is reported to have kept goal finely for Notts. Woolwich Arsenal beat Newcastle United upon the ground of the latter by four goals to two, a highly satisfactory performance. The other match was a drawn game at Manchester, between Newton Heath and Darwen. The table has undergone but little alteration from last week.

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MARRIAGES.

DAMANT—HART.—20th November, at the Baptist Chapel, Mendlesham Green, by the Rev. T. Devine, Alfred William, only son of the late Mr. Alfred Damant, of the White Hall, Debenham, to Mabel Fenton, eldest daughter of Mr. H. T. Hart, of Mendlesham Green.

KEDGE—SCOLDING.—24th November, at the parish church, Eye, by the Rev. W. H. Chambers, curate, William John Kedge, of Harwich, to Mabel Mary Scolding, of Eye.

TUTHILL—MORGAN.—18th November, at All Saints, Poplar, Thos. George Tuthill, West Norwood, to Isabel Carrie, second daughter of the late J. E. Morgan, Captain R.N.

DEATHS.

ARNOTT.—27th November, at Darsham, George Tacon Arnott, aged 60 years.

ARCHER.—November 20th, at Middlesborough, Henry Archer, of Nacton, mariner, aged 58 years, from an accidental fall at Clay Lane Jetty.

CARR.—25th November, at Henley, Mary, the beloved wife of James Carr, and eldest daughter of the late John and Sarah Silburn.

CATTON.—28th November, at The Cottage, Long Street, Stanley Walter O. Catton, the dearly beloved child of Nicholas and Co a A. Catton, aged 3 years.

EARTHRALL.—29th November, Clara Earthrall, in the 15th year of her age.

FENN.—20th November, at Shotley, Isabella, the beloved wife of William Fenn, age 50.

FOREMAN.—23rd November, at West Stowe, after a short and painful affliction, Robert Foreman, in his 72nd year, greatly respected, the beloved father of Mrs. G. T. Cook, Wellington Street, Ipswich.

LAST.—23rd November, at Leiston, George Last, formerly of Bruisyard, aged 58.

MACRO.—18th November, at Gower Street, Ipswich, Jacob Macro, formerly of Norwich, aged 55 years.

PARKER.—22nd November, at 32, Newson Street, Ipswich, Charlotte, widow of the late Richard Parker, and only beloved sister of Henry Woodward, of 31, Ann Street, Ipswich, aged 80 years.

SPARROW.—28th November, at 64, Spring Road, Alfred, the beloved husband of Charlotte Sparrow, in his 74th year.

SLADE.—22nd November, Ann Slade, Wood View, Westerfield Road, suddenly, aged 71 years.

THOMAS.—20th November, at Grundisburgh, Mr. James Thomas, in his 81st year.

TROTT.—16th November, at Cemetery Road, Elizabeth, the only and beloved daughter of Fanny Kenyon, after a long and severe affliction.

WALLIS.—23rd November at 39, Chenery Street, Ipswich, Charles Thomas, only surviving son of the late Edward Wallis, of Colchester, in his 29th year.

WRIGHT.—24th November, at Southolt, Ann Maria Wright, daughter of the late John Wright, of Flowton, Suffolk.

WEBB.—24th November, Adelaide Matilda, dearly-beloved wife of W. Webb, butcher, 69, Norwich Road, and youngest daughter of the late Amos and Harriet Plummer, of Henley, aged 30 years.

WAYMAN.—13th November, at Burgh, Jane, widow of the late Donald Wayman, and aunt to Mrs. E. Bloomfield, of Grundisburgh, in her 89th year.

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ALDEBURGH: WRECKAGE WASHED ASHORE.—A life buoy, bearing the name "William Bedford," and a cask of supposed palm oil, have been washed ashore at Aldeburgh; whilst a quantity of cargo has been washed ashore at different parts of the coast.

ALDEBURGH POPULAR CONCERTS.—On Friday a most enjoyable concert was given in the Jubilee Hall, at Aldeburgh, by Miss C. R. Trask and some of the masters and pupils of Framlingham College. If everything else is as well taught there as music is (writes a correspondent) parents may surely be well content with Framlingham College. Better part singing is rarely heard than that given at Aldeburgh last Friday by Mr. Alfred Pretty, Mr. Towle, and three of the boys. Mr. Edwards, Mus. Bac., Oxon, played several pianoforte solos, and all the accompaniments. Miss C. R. Trask, whose rich and sympathetic voice was heard last year at Aldeburgh, sang four songs and a duet, "Venetian Song," with Mr. Alfred Pretty. Miss Trask has a fine contralto voice, which has been thoroughly well trained by Mr. Sims Reeves and Mr. W. H. Cummings. She is heard to great advantage in sacred oratorio music. Altogether the only fault on Friday was that the concert was too short for the taste of the audience.

BADINGHAM: A FARMER'S FAILURE.—The Official Receiver has issued a statement of the affairs of George Barber, of Badingham, farmer, which shows liabilities due to unsecured creditors amounting to £499 3s. 8d. The assets are estimated at £96 10s., leaving a deficiency of £402 13s. 8d. The Official Receiver says:—The debtor, who has recently been farming nearly 100 acres of land, states that for some years he had a country shop at Badingham, in which he was successful. Seven years ago he took a farm, having at that time a capital of about £400 or £500. He has kept no books of account. He attributes his insolvency to loss of stock by death, and the low price of corn. Property estimated by the debtor to be worth £76 10s., includes hay, straw, and roots, worth about £40, and the other articles are subject to a distress, and, if the debtor's statement is correct, the landlord is entitled to distrain for half a year's rent.

BECCLES: THE RECENT DROWNING OF A FISHERMAN.—The Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariner's Royal Benevolent Society has made a special grant of £2 to Mrs. Drew, of Beccles, the wife of a fisherman who was recently washed overboard while fishing off Lowestoft.

BECCLES: SUSPECTS DISCHARGED.—At Beccles Police Court, on Friday, John Woodward, labourer, Joseph Martin, and Thomas Fenn, all of Beccles, were charged with being suspected of a game offence. On the night of the 13th instant a shot was fired in the direction of the wood near Worlingham Hall, and soon afterwards Police-constable Bailey saw the defendants with guns in Ingate Road. He seized the guns.—Mr. A. Kent appeared for defendants, and the Bench dismissed the case, ordering the guns to be returned.

BECCLES: "WAVENEY" HABITATION OF THE PRIMROSE LEAGUE.—A meeting of this Habitation was held in the Town Hall, Beccles, on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of Mr. W. M. Crowfoot, J.P. Mrs. H. S. Foster, ruling councillor, was present, and received a hearty welcome. The member for the division, Mr. H. S. Foster, M P., wrote urging upon the members the duty of spreading the principles of the League, and increasing their ranks at a time when they were threatened by a Government of destruction with a policy the aim of which was to destroy all the institutions of their country, and to remove the landmarks of their fathers, in order to keep together their crowd of log-rollers, and to hide their own weakness and follies.—The Chairman reminded those present that they were now recklessly threatened by the Government, who said they intended to abolish, or reform, or remove, the House of Lords. The attack on the Church was an attack on another principle of the Primrose League. A weak Government, like a weak man, was worse than a bad one. It was more dangerous to the country. This Government depended upon a majority scraped together partly from Ireland, partly from Scotland; and partly from Wales, each of them having their own fads and fancies which alone they cared to get carried. A Government which relied upon such a majority as that was powerless to carry out any good and efficient legislation. He called attention to the disparity in electoral power in Ireland and England, and said they wanted to get proper representation of the community, in which England would have her fair and proper share.—Mr. Noble attended as deputation, and a programme of music was given during the evening by members of the League.

BERGHOLT: VISIT OF THE ESSEX AND SUFFOLK FOXHOUNDS—This pack met at the Dog and Pheasant, Myland, on Monday, when there was a large field out, including General and Mrs. Carr Glyn, Major Colvin (master), Miss Colvin, Mr. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Mumford, Mr. and Mrs. Lermotte, Messrs. A. T. Osborne, Ben Smith, Frank Cant, H. Cant, A. Cant, H. Dunnett, Willie Green, H. R. Poole, and others. The small gorse at Ford's Farm was first drawn without result, and then the hounds went to Pitsburgh Wood, which was also drawn blank, and a move was made to Bergholt Hall, where a fox was found at once, which led in a big ring towards Wormingford, and thence back to Bergholt Hall, and from there over to Fordham Heath, and into cover where he was lost. The hounds were trotted back, and drew Bergholt Hall without again finding. Horkesley plantation was also drawn on the way back, and proved blank.

BRAMFORD: LECTURE ON THE WEST INDIES—On Tuesday evening Mr. E. Packard, jun., gave an excellent free entertainment in his Men's Reading-room, at the Bramford Works, descriptive of his recent tour in the West Indies. A report of Mr. Packard's lecture will be found under our "Church Notes and News."

BRAMFORD: FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The annual services for foreign missions were held in this Church on Sunday, and collections made in aid of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel. Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m., and there were the usual services at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. The sermon in the morning was preached by the Vicar, the Rev. R. V. Barker. The preacher in the afternoon was the Rev. A. Salmon, who has been engaged in missionary work for the last ten years in British Burmah. The collections amounted to £6 13s. 6d., and in addition to this £6 4s. 5d. has been received from the missionary boxes, making a total for the Society of £12 17s. 11d.

BRAMPTON: MARRIAGE OF MISS SMOOTHY.—At Brampton, near Beccles, on Tuesday, the marriage of Mr. E. T. Foulsham, of the Railway Hotel, Lowestoft, son of Mr. Councillor Foulsham, of Yarmouth, with Miss Kate Smoothy, only daughter of Mr. W. F. Smoothy, farmer, of Brampton, was solemnised at the parish church, the rector (Rev. T. S. Curteis) officiating. The bridesmaids were Miss May King, Misses A. and L. Cunningham (cousins of the bride), and Miss Mary Curdling. Mr. Harry Young, of Beccles, was best man, and the bride was given away by her father. The service was choral, Miss Crapnell being at the harmonium. The chancel was beautifully decorated, and looked very pretty. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the "Wedding March" was played by Miss Nicol, and the church bells rang out a merry peal. After the ceremony a reception was held at the residence of the bride's parents, at which a large company were present. The newly-married couple left by the 6 15 train for Babbicombe, where the honeymoon will be spent. The presents, which were handsome and numerous, included an oak and silver butter dish, with monogram in silver, from the *employés* of Mr. B. J. Foulsham's establishment at Yarmouth.

BREDFIELD: ENTERTAINMENT.—On Friday last an entertainment was given at the Schoolroom by the children attending Bredfield School. The children went through the various songs and recitations in a manner which reflected great credit on the schoolmistress (Mrs. Bernard), who had evidently taken much pains in their preparation. Mrs. Brady kindly assisted at the piano. The room, which was beautifully decorated, was well filled by a most attentive audience.

BUNGAY: ROACH FISHING.—On Thursday and Friday last Mr. Barnewall and Mr. H. Hubbard, fishing in the Waveney, at Bungay, caught five score and fourteen roach. Average weight ¾ lb., largest 1¾ lb.

BUNGAY: VACCINATION PROSECUTION.—At the Petty Sessions, on Thursday, Lewis Bull, of Bungay, gentleman, was summoned by Hezekiah Stammers, registrar, with neglecting to have his child, Mary B. Bull, vaccinated. Defendant said he did not consider the child well enough to be vaccinated, but, as he had no medical certificate, an order was made for the child to be vaccinated in 14 days.—Ernest Playford, of Bungay, aged 14, was ordered to pay the costs and damage, amounting to 13s. 6d., for damaging a gate, the property of James Tipple, farmer, Bungay.—An ejectment order was granted against the widow Gold, on the application of Mr. H. Rushmer for the landlord, Mr. J. Skinner.

BUNGAY BAZAAR.—A bazaar and jumble sale was held in the Holy Trinity Parish Room on Wednesday, the object being to raise funds for improving the lighting, and providing new kneelers in the parish church, and for additional class rooms. The bazaar was visited by a fair number of persons, and the numerous articles were disposed of fairly freely, and it is hoped that a satisfactory sum will be the result. Sales were presided over by the following ladies:—Jumbles: Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. R. W. Hudson, Mrs. Sneyd, Miss Hartcup, and Mrs. Webb. Plain work: Mr. Philpott and Miss Maddle. Toys: Misses Cocks, 2. Fancy: Mrs. Hudson and Grimmer. Pottery: Mrs. Tetley and Miss Fletcher. The refreshment room was under the care of Mrs. H. Rushmer, Mrs. and Miss Hailstone, and Miss Woods. At intervals a pleasing programme of vocal and instrumental music was performed, the following ladies and gentlemen taking part:—Mr. Rider Haggard, Mrs. Tetley, Mrs. E. Watts, Mrs. Sturgess, Misses Fletcher, Brown (2), Gibson (2), and Goffin, and Messrs. L. B. Morgan and J. Dee.

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BUNGAY: A LOCAL MILLER IN THE COUNTY COURT.—On Friday, at Godalming County Court, a Guildford hop merchant, named Lewis Kils, sought to recover from Charles Marston, miller and hop dealer, of Bungay, the sum of £31 8s., the price of ten bales of hops sold and delivered to defendant on the 20th September of this year. On the day in question the plaintiff called upon the defendant at his place of business at Bungay and a sample of hops was produced, and there was an agreement on the part of the defendant to purchase ten bales of similar hops at 40s. per hundredweight. When they were delivered defendant refused to receive them, alleging that they were improperly packed and would not keep. He then returned them to Bungay Station, where they still remained.—Mr. Chittock, of Norwich, for the defence, submitted that there had been no acceptance of the hops under the Statute of Frauds, and that the goods were not as ordered, and therefore the defendant was not obliged to accept them.—The learned Judge held that there had been no legal acceptance of the goods under the Statute of Frauds, and gave judgment for defendant, with costs.

CAPEL BAND OF HOPE.—The members of the Capel and District Gospel Temperance Band of Hope attended service on Sunday afternoon, when a sermon was preached by Mr. Garland. The singing was supported by the Temperance string band, led by the bandmaster, Mr. A. J. Child. In the evening a special meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, the members of the Salvation Army being united. The meeting was conducted by Mr. S. T. Child, and addresses were given by Mr. F. Keeble (Bentley Hall), the Captain of the Salvation Army, Mr. J. Pettingale, and Mr. A. J. Child.

DISS: THE COUNTY RATE BASIS.—A meeting was called by the Diss overseers, on Thursday, for the purpose of considering the proposed basis for fair and equal county rates for Norfolk, prepared by a committee of the County Council. The Rector presided. It was explained by Mr. Burrage, one of the overseers, that different systems of assessing were adopted by various Unions in the county, and as these could not be adopted for the county rate, which must be fair and equal, a standard had been arranged. It was pointed out that the rateable value of Diss, given in 1891 as £11,900, was put up to £14,488, and other places were increased in like proportion; schedule A of the Income-tax being taken as the basis, with the exception of railway property. It was announced that a copy of the proposed basis or standard would be deposited at the house of Mr. R. Hewitt, assistant overseer, for inspection.

EARSHAM.—The birth of a son and heir to Captain Meade, of Earsham Hall, on Wednesday, was the occasion for much rejoicing throughout the parish. The church bells were rung to celebrate the event.

FELIXSTOWE LADIES' GOLF CLUB.—The November monthly medal was played for on Saturday, and won by Miss F. L. Staines. Scores:—Miss F. L. Staines 71, Miss Laws 73, Mrs. W. O. Pell 74, Miss Hemmerde 83, Miss A. Pearce 98.

FELIXSTOWE BRITISH WOMEN'S TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—On Friday evening a crowded meeting was held in the Victoria Hall, in connection with the British Women's Temperance Association. Mr. W. Jolly presided, and after a few introductory remarks, called upon Mrs. Griffiths, who briefly explained the objects of the Association. Mrs. J. K. Barney, of America, then delivered a most interesting lecture on the "Modern Macedonian Cry." A choir of about 80 voices, under the conductorship of Mr. Fallowes, sang several hymns during the evening, and the Felixstowe string band, under the leadership of Mr. W. E. Archer, jun., contributed music and accompanied the singing.

FELIXSTOWE CYCLING CLUB.—The members of this Club held their fifth annual dinner at the Ordnance Hotel, Mr. F. Mason, one of the vice-presidents, presiding. The Chairman, in giving "Success to the Felixstowe Cycling Club," said he believed cycling was a very healthful exercise, and as a sport it was in the very front rank. Other toasts followed, including "The Chairman," who, in replying, offered to present the club with a new silver challenge cup. The gifts was received with prolonged applause. Mr. Sizer offered a prize of three guineas for record time during next season on a New Howe bicycle. Mr. C. H. Croydon and Mr. Farmbrough also contributed a guinea each to the funds of the club.

FRAMLINGHAM GOSPEL TEMPERANCE SOCIETY gave a capital entertainment at the Free Methodist Church Schoolroom on Tuesday evening. The chair was taken by Mr. John Self (president), and a long and varied programme was gone through.

FRAMLINGHAM COLLEGE.—On Tuesday evening Signor Bosco and Co. gave a conjuring and musical entertainment in the dining-hall of the above College to the students. The public were admitted, and about 40 townspeople were present. Signor Bosco did some clever tricks with coins, cards, plate-spinning, etc. The proceeds will be devoted to the window fund.

FRAMLINGHAM: SCIENTIFIC LECTURE.—Dr. J. E. Taylor, late curator Ipswich Museum, gave a most interesting and instructive lecture at the Foresters' Hall, on Tuesday evening. The audience was not large, but by their frequent applause they were very appreciative. The lecture was in aid of the funds of the Club and Reading-rooms. The subject taken was "A Lump of Chalk." At the outset, Dr. Taylor showed a large piece taken from the Albert College well 304 feet deep, and stated from that depth to 1,000 feet was chalk to be found, that it went thus under Norwich, the same veins running to Norway and Sweden, and in different directions it had been found as far as Egypt. Speaking of his visit to India, in the Indian Ocean he found what caused chalk to form, calling it Foraminifera, 300 or 400 of these living creatures to cover and inch, it taking millions of years for it to grow. The lecturer went on to state that all East Anglia was once covered by water. Dragons were inhabitants of the water then. He had found many years ago a splendid specimen embedded in solid chalk in some pits round Norwich, which he presented to the Museum. Dr. Taylor spoke for more than an hour showing a great many fossils he had picked up by the roadside on stoneheaps, and also many diagrams on the board. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Taylor on the proposition of the chairman (Rev. J. Holme Pilkington, rector).

GRUNDISBURGH: THE LATE MR. J. THOMAS.—On Saturday the remains of the late Mr. Jas. Thomas, of Green Bank, Grundisburgh, whose death occurred somewhat suddenly, were interred in the family vault in the parish churchyard. The coffin bore the inscription, "James Thomas, died November 20th, 1894, aged 81 years." The chief mourners were the deceased's only daughter, Mrs. Adams, and friends from London. Several parishioners preceded the corpse. On the morning of his death he had partaken of breakfast, and was returning to his bedroom; when he reached the landing he was heard by his housekeeper to fall, and by the time she reached him he had breathed his last. He will be missed by the aged poor, to whom he was an ever kind friend.

GRUNDISBURGH: MEMORIAL PEAL.—On Saturday evening, in memory of Robert Last, late parish clerk, 720 of Bob Minor were rung at Burgh Church, with the bells fully muffled, the ringers standing as follows: —H. Groom, treble, Grundisburgh; W. Last, 2nd, Grundisburgh; J. Last, 3rd, Grundisburgh; H. B. Mendham, 4th, Clopton; E. Kidby, 5th, Burgh; C. Parker, tenor (conductor), Grundisburgh. Afterwards 720 of Bob Minor were rung with the bells half muffled, the men standing as follows:—G. Broom, treble, Burgh; W. Lancaster, 2nd, Grundisburgh; W. Last, 3rd, Grundisburgh; H. B. Mendham, 4th, Clopton; H. Groom, 5th, Grundisburgh; J. Last, tenor (conductor), Grundisburgh.

HADLEIGH: BURIAL BOARD.—At a meeting of the Hadleigh Burial Board held on Thursday the Very Rev. E. Spooner and Messrs. C. J. Grimwade and W. E. S. Wilson being present, the retiring members were re-elected. The Very Rev. E. Spooner presided.

HADLEIGH: THE MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY last Monday were favoured by Miss Layard, of Ipswich, giving a most interesting lecture upon "the smallest flower in the world." To many of the audience, possibly all, the announcement that the flower of the duck weed was the smallest flower in the world came as a great surprise. It cannot, however, be seen without the aid of a powerful microscope.

HADLEIGH: SUCCESSFUL LAW STUDENT.—At the final examination of the Incorporated Law Society, held in London on the 6th and 7th inst., Mr. Harold W. F. Grimwade, second son of Mr. Charles James Grimwade, of Hadleigh, was a successful candidate. Mr. Grimwade served his articles with his father and Messrs. Kingsford, Forman, and Co., of Essex Street, Strand, London.

HALESWORTH: SINGULAR END OF AN OCTOGENARIAN.—Mr. Coroner Vulliamy held an inquest at the Court House, Halesworth, on Monday afternoon, touching the death of Miss Ann Maria Winter, an aged single lady, who died at her residence in London Road, Halesworth, on Sunday, from the effects of a broken thigh, caused by a fall on the 1st November.—Evidence was given to the effect that the servant of the deceased went out for a walk on the evening of November 1st, and on her return found her mistress sitting on a mat in the hall. Miss Winter told her that she had gone to the door to let the cat out, that she caught her foot in the mat, and fell.—Dr. P. J. De Nyssen was summoned, and found that deceased's thigh was broken close to the knee. He attended her until her death, which resulted from exhaustion, deceased being 80 years of age, and very stout and heavy.—Verdict, "Accidental death."

INTERMENTS IN IPSWICH CEMETERY.—Friday: Jacob Macro, 55 years, St. Peter; Elizabeth R. Newman, 78 years, St. John; Henry Wm. Moore, one year, St. Nicholas. Saturday: Jessie Taylor, 17 years, St. Matthew; Francis Powell, 55 years, St. Matthew; Thomas Willishaw, 39 years, Holy Trinity. Monday: Charlotte Parker, 80 years, St. Matthew; William H. Cooper, 23 years, St. Mary Key; Elizabeth C. Webb, 47 years, St. Peter; Amelia E. Wildon, infant, St. John. Tuesday: Thomas Cowen, 47 years, St. Michael. Wednesday: Charles Bugg, 65 years, St. John; James Fitch, 55 years, All Saints; Richard D. Mason, 80 years, St. Margaret; Frederick C. Webb, 36 years, St. Matthew. Thursday: Bertie E. Noble, infant, All Saints; Charles T. Wallis, 29 years, St. Margaret; Harriet R. Wolton, 9 years, Whitton; William Bonnewell, infant, St. Mary Stoke.

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IPSWICH: WORKING MEN'S ANGLING SOCIETY.—The members of this Society on Wednesday attended the funeral of Mr. C. Webb, their late secretary, as a token in recognition of the kindness shown to all during twenty or more years' connection with the Society, both as a member and officer. The deceased had suffered severely for twelve months prior to his decease. Wreaths were placed on the coffin by the Society and other friends.

IPSWICH: FAILURE OF A CIRCUS PROPRIETOR.—A receiving order has been made against John Julian, proprietor of a circus now at Ipswich, comprising forty horses and ponies, and the usual accessories. The debtor has given a bill of sale on the property, and in the London Bankruptcy Court on Tuesday it was stated that the son of the holder of the security is in possession, armed with the necessary authority.

IPSWICH: VEHICLES IN COLLISION.—During Thursday forenoon a horse and cart belonging to Mr. H. Smith, butcher, St. Matthew's Street, was being driven along St. Matthew's by Mr. Smith's brother-in-law, and in trying to pass a cart belonging to Mr. Dumpstead, milkman, and a waggon, the vehicles came into violent collision, and the occupant of Mr. Smith's cart was thrown out and hurt. The horse was stopped before it could do further damage.

IPSWICH: A "CHANGE RINGER" SENT TO GAOL.—On Wednesday, at Essex Quarter Sessions, Robert Hayward, 66, described as an umbrella maker, hailing from Ipswich, was indicted for stealing sixpence from Mr. Joseph Hicks, confectioner, and a similar sum from Mr. Joseph Alfred Smith, draper, at Chelmsford, on October 18th last, by what is known as "change-ringing." Prisoner was found guilty, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment. Many previous convictions were recorded.

IPSWICH: TEMPERANCE AND MUSIC.—A numerous audience assembled in the Lecture Hall, on Saturday evening, under the auspices of the local branch of the British Women's Temperance Society. Mr. B. Binyon presided. Mrs. Barney, a lady from America, delivered a Gospel Temperance address. A pleasant feature of the meeting was the rendering of a number of instrumental and vocal pieces. Solos were given by Miss Elsie Wrinch and Miss Broome, while Miss Hinchcliffe played selections on the piano, and trios, duets, and solos were sung by Messrs. Bunn, Barham, and Crawley.

IPSWICH BRANCH OF ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.—The lectures at the School Board Technical Classes are over, and from now the time of the students is to be devoted to practical work, bandaging, artificial respiration, etc. All this is most necessary, as skilled hands are necessary in order to render effectual first aid. The examinations will take place on December 20th, 21st, and 22nd. There are not so many going in from the technical classes as this time last year, but with the Postmen's class and the one at Stoke, the number of students is considerably larger. The Ipswich Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade seems to be flourishing just now. All who belong to it are thoroughly interested in the work. It is open to any man who has a first aid certificate. The members meet for a monthly practice and lecture.

IPSWICH: DISTRIBUTION OF THE NIBLOE FUND.—A meeting of the subscribers to the fund raised for the benefit of the late Mrs. Nibloe was held under the presidency of the Mayor (Dr. J. H. Bartlet), when it was resolved, in consequence of the death of Mrs. Nibloe, to distribute the surplus as follows:—For scholarships for girls at the Ipswich High School, 75 gns.; Ipswich and East Suffolk Hospital, 50 gns.; Hope House Orphanage, 30 gns.; Nurses' Home, 20 gns.; Working Girls' Club, 10 gns.; St. Helen's Orphanage and Training School, 10 gns.; Young Women's Christian Association, 10 gns.; Ipswich Crèche, 10 gns.—The feeling of the meeting was that as the funds were to a large extent contributed by friends of the late Mrs. Nibloe, the remaining money should be devoted to such institutions as are mainly beneficial to women and girls.

IPSWICH: SERIOUS TRAP ACCIDENTS.—What might have proved a fatal accident occurred on Saturday evening on the Tuddenham Road, near the Cemetery. Mr. John Orton, ironmonger, of Ipswich, was driving into the town, accompanied by an apprentice in his employ, when the cart suddenly collided with another going in the opposite direction. The result was that Mr. Orton was pitched on to his head into the roadway, sustaining several cuts, besides receiving a severe shock to the system. The other occupant of the cart jumped out of the back of the vehicle without sustaining any injury. The horse bolted, and, galloping into the town, came into collision with a milk cart, belonging to Mr. Hunt, of Culpho, standing in Bolton Lane, and the animal in the milk cart also bolted, and was stopped in its wild career by the brick wall of the Post Chaise Inn, the cart being smashed to pieces. An endeavour was made to stop Mr. Orton's horse and cart, but the animal galloped up the Woodbridge Road as far as the Greyhound Inn. A shaft of the cart was smashed, while the horse received one or two cuts.

IPSWICH SKATING CLUB: ANNUAL MEETING.—This club held its annual meeting in the Town Hall on Thursday, under the presidency of Mr. J. E. Ransome. It was stated in the report that last season the members were, by permission of Mr. W. N. Fonnereau, again allowed the use of Christchurch Park ponds, but it was only possible to skate there on four days, and an arrangement was made with Mr. Geo. Fenn for admission to Handford Meadows. The short duration of the frost did not permit of much progress being made in figure skating, and Mr. R. G. Steward was the only additional member of the club to qualify for a "N.S.A." badge. Mr. G. J. Barnes and Mr. L. C. Miller passed the club test, and were admitted members. There are now 48 members, including six ladies. The Christchurch Park Company have kindly granted the club the use of the round pond for the ensuing winter, and the same arrangement as in last season has been made with Mr. Fenn. The balance-sheet showed a satisfactory balance. Mr. S. A. Notcutt was re-elected hon. sec., and the Committee were appointed as follows:—Messrs. Herbert Brown, M.D., Spencer King, Arthur Pearce, Ernest Pretty, J. E. Ransome, Leonard Turner, Stanley Turner, and A. F. Vulliamy.

IPSWICH NAIAD SMOKING CONCERT.—A smoking concert, particularly enjoyable in its character, was held under the auspices of the Naiad Rowing Club in the winter gardens of the Grand Café Restaurant on Tuesday evening. The Deputy Mayor (Mr. S. R. Anness) presided, and paid a compliment to Mr. Hodge, who, by his enterprise, had initiated a new era in the pleasures of Ipswich. Alluding to the success of the Naiad Rowing Club, the Chairman mentioned that during the last four years they had won three championships, but were beaten at the last regatta by the Mistley Club. Being determined to possess a boat equal to those of the opposing clubs, a new craft was purchased, and the outlay necessitated the raising of additional funds. The Club's success is comparatively recent, and the result of persistent and sportsmanlike efforts over a period of 10 years. Mr. Percy Smith, the energetic hon. secretary, superintended the arrangements, and he was ably assisted by Messrs. C. J. Goodwin, S. B. Rowbotham, Thomas Parkington, jun., and F. Jennings (captain of the Petrels). The musical talent was exceptionally strong, and of the many performers, Messrs. A. Tibbenham and G. Le Fevre introduced new comic songs. Mr. C. Morris's sentimental contributions were heartily appreciated. The other performers included—Messrs. G. Gunn, H. Turner, R. M. Brown, W. Green, and P. Armstrong. Musical bar, bell, and Indian club exercises were given by Messrs. F. Fairweather, H. Kersey, A. Bailey, and C. H. Stedman. Mr. F. K. Frost accompanied.

LEISTON: I.O.G.T.—On Tuesday evening an entertainment was given in the Friends' Meeting House, by members of the Juvenile Temple I.O.G.T., "Ark of Refuge." The chair was taken by Gertie Peck, who made a suitable opening address, and Blanche Attle presided at the harmonium. The children had been carefully trained by Miss Sawer and Messrs. J. Sewell and J. Fieldsend, in singing, reciting, &c., and the following contributed to an enjoyable programme:—E. Arnold, E. Fieldsend, A. Lord, M. Peck, B. Attle, A. Francis, D. Peck, G. Peck, J. Arnold, B. Moss, Wm. Botwright, F. Long, Mr. J. Girling, M. A. Walker, B. Cracknell, Mr. John Peck, and E. Hammond.

LONG MELFORD: INTERESTING MARRIAGE.—On Tuesday the marriage of Mr. George William Hopewell, of Horncastle, Lincolnshire, and Miss Row, only daughter of Mr. C. J. N. and Mrs. Row, of Long Melford, was solemnised at the parish church in the presence of a large congregation. The officiating clergy were the Rev. C. J. Martyn, rector of Daglingworth, Gloucestershire, and Chaplain-in-Ordinary to the Queen, and the Rev. G. St. John Topham, rector of Melford. The bridegroom was accompanied by Mr. Francis Porter, of Spalding, as best man. The bride was escorted by her father, who gave her away. She was charmingly attired in ivory white Surah silk, and wore a veil fastened with orange blossoms, and a diamond and ruby butterfly brooch, the gift of the bridegroom. The bride's gift to the bridegroom was a diamond pin. The bride carried a magnificent shower bouquet of roses, lilac, and lilies. She was accompanied by Miss Steed and Miss Scott as bridesmaids, who wore dresses of heliotrope crêpe de Chine, with violet velvet and lace collars, and hats to match, together with double heart pearl brooches, the gift of the bridegroom. The organist (Mr. B. H. Hurst) played Elvey's Festal March, "Andantino," from Schubert's "Rosamunde" "Romanza" (Beethoven), and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" in effective style. The church bells also pealed forth merrily. The happy pair left Melford for London, *en route* to Brighton. The bride's going away dress was of green cloth with vest of fawn-coloured velvet, and brown cloth coat with sable collar, and black velvet picture hat with plumes. The wedding breakfast was served at the residence of the bride's father. The bride was the recipient of many costly presents.

MELTON: A DOMESTIC'S SUDDEN DEATH.—On Tuesday a painfully sudden death occurred at Melton. A domestic servant at Mr. A. W. Skoulding's, grocer, named Florence Maud Banyard, aged 17 years, got up about seven o'clock on Monday morning, and after taking in the milk went back to bed, complaining of pain in the body. Mrs. Skoulding applied poultices, and attended the girl up to 11 p.m. on Monday, when she said she was better. About seven o'clock on Tuesday morning Mrs. Skoulding went to the girl's room, and found her dead in bed. Dr. Hollis, of Woodbridge, was summoned, and found life had been extinct several hours.—It transpired at the inquest held before Mr. Walter Brooke, deputy-coroner, on Wednesday, that the deceased, who was 17 years of age, had lived with Mr. Skoulding nearly two years. Deceased sometimes complained of pains in her feet and legs, but on Sunday, when she came to see witness, she appeared to be better than usual. She seemed to be happy and comfortable in her situation, and had not for some time had medical advice, not thinking such advice necessary. Deceased had said that her mother could not do more for her than Mrs. Skoulding had done. Dr. Elphinstone Hollis, of Woodbridge, was of opinion that deceased died from an ulcer in the stomach, which had probably existed for some weeks, and that the ulcer had perforated the stomach, giving rise to peritonitis. Verdict: "Death from natural causes."

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NACTON: SAD DEATH OF A MARINER.—The death has been reported of Mr. Henry Archer, of Nacton, under extremely sad circumstances. It seems that on November 20th, after visiting a friend at Middlesborough, he returned to his ship at 10 o'clock at night. His road lay over some docks, and while threading his way over the Clay Lane Jetty he slipped and fell into the dock, a distance of 20 feet. The tide was out. The unfortunate man was found dead when day broke. A Coroner's inquiry was held, and an open verdict was returned. A son of the deceased was on board of the ship. The eldest son of deceased a short time ago came to a violent end by falling down a flight of stairs while acting in the capacity of a butler. Mr. Archer leaves a widow and three children, all resident at Nacton.

SAXMUNDHAM.—On Wednesday evening Messrs. E. Packard and Co., gave their annual tea to their customers and friends in the Market Hall, Saxmundham. The Misses Sillett, of the White Hart Hotel, catered.

SAXMUNDHAM: SINGULAR DISAPPEARANCE OF TWO CHEQUES.—At Saxmundham Sessions on Thursday, James Goddard, dealer, of Theberton, was charged with the theft of two banker's cheques, belonging to Frederick Hunt, shopkeeper.—Mr. W. Marshall, of Ipswich, prosecuted; Mr. W. C. Tuck defended.—On the 30th October the defendant went into the prosecutor's shop, and, after paying a bill, asked Hunt to cash two cheques, of the value of £1 3s. 3d. and £1 11s. 8d. The prosecutor having cashed several cheques previously for the defendant during the two years he had known him, acceded to the request. Placing the cheques in the scales, Hunt proceeded upstairs to fetch the money, the defendant remaining in the shop. Returning to his shop Hunt handed the amount over to the defendant, and proceeded to the pantry to fetch some ale, of which both partook in a room at the rear of the shop. As Goddard was about leaving, the prosecutor, anxious as to the safety of the cheques, discovered they had disappeared. The defendant had not left the premises when Hunt was apprised of his loss, and knowing no one had entered the shop during his absence upstairs, accused the defendant of having stolen them. The defendant told the prosecutor to search him, but though Hunt searched his outside pockets he was unable to find the missing cheques. Two days later Hunt communicated his loss to the police. The defendant told Inspector Blyth that the prosecutor must have burnt the cheques; while subsequently Hunt admitted in cross-examination that the defendant offered to leave his clothes in the shop and go for the police, if only he could have a sheet to cover him.—The Bench, without calling upon Mr. Tuck, dismissed the case.

STOWMARKET: Y.M.C.A.—We are pleased to be able to record that the efforts recently made by several gentlemen in the town to open a branch of the above Society have so far met with a very gratifying result. Two meetings are held each week, at which an average attendance of 30 has been maintained. A strong committee has been chosen, with Mr. Folkard and Mr. H. E. Wilkes as hon. secs.

STOWMARKET CONGREGATIONAL SCHOOL.—An instructive evening was spent in this school, when the Rev. C. H. Vine, LL B., of Sudbury, gave an account of his travels among the Moors. During his residence in Tangiers Mr. Vine observed the domestic habits, the commercial customs, and religious views of the people, and obtained dresses of an Arab merchant, the Sultan's guards, hillmen, slaves, and other outdoor and indoor costumes. These were worn by various gentlemen for illustrative purposes.

STOWMARKET: BAND OF HOPE.—On Monday evening the children belonging to the Parish Church Band of Hope gave a very successful entertainment at the Parish-room. A long programme of recitations, duets, pianoforte solos, and dialogues in character was gone through, the various items eliciting hearty applause. The last dialogue in character, "The Blue Ribbon," was especially well done, and reflected great credit on Miss Runacres and others who have had the training of the youngsters. The room was very crowded.

SUDBURY: MISCHIEVOUS BOYS SET A HOUSE ON FIRE.—The cottage in which Miss Ellen Rigland resides, at 56, Cross Street, was fired on Monday morning under peculiar circumstances. Some children were playing in the street, and a little boy named Willie Martin struck a "red light," and was told by a bigger boy to throw it in Miss Rigland's bedroom window, which he did. Unfortunately the light set fire to the bed clothes. Miss Rigland was just coming down the street, when some children told her smoke was issuing from the bedroom window. On unlocking the doors she found the bedroom filled with smoke and flame. She ran for assistance, and by sheer hard work the fire was extinguished. Great sympathy is felt for the Riglands, who are poor people. Most of the goods, including the bed clothes, were entirely ruined.

THETFORD: ELECTION OF BURIAL BOARD MEMBERS.—A vestry meeting was held on Thursday morning at St. Mary's Church for the purpose of electing two members of the Burial Board, and Messrs. W. West and E. Rush, the retiring members, were re-elected, and Mr. G. Henley re-elected auditor.—At St. Cuthbert's there were about 70 parishioners present, and they adjourned to the covered market. The retiring members—Messrs. J. C. B. Winder and J. G. Scott—were nominated, and, as Nonconformists, the Rev. P. H. Davis and Mr. R. Palmer. A show of hands was taken, resulting as follows:—Mr. Winder 22, Mr. Scott 25, Mr. Palmer 37, Rev. P. H. Davis 37. A poll was then demanded for the Church candidates, which the Rev. E. H. Love fixed for Friday, between four and eight p.m. Mr. G. T. Banyard was re-elected auditor.

THETFORD BOARD OF GUARDIANS.—At this Board meeting on Friday, Mr. C. H. Fison presiding, the first business was naturally the question of the recent inspection of the Workhouse and reports in the newspapers by someone unofficially connected. It was now asked upon what authority this personage had made such inspection and report, and it was announced that the unofficial inspector was a Miss Wood, who had gained admittance through the instrumentality of Lady Amherst. The Chairman and Guardians said they had read the mysterious reports, and, so far as this Workhouse was concerned, she had made some glaring inaccuracies, and in the future such persons would not be allowed to perform such work. It was also asserted that Mr. Preston Thomas, the Local Government Inspector, was very much annoyed at the reports, and that the whole matter was engaging the attention of the Local Government Board.—Various questions upon the pending elections of district councillors were asked, and Mr. Cole gave satisfactory replies.—Mr. Cole reported the receipt of £400 from the Suffolk County Council on account of officers' salaries; he also reported that the new arrangement with respect to the tramps and police is to be tried for six months. Still, the Guardians have very little faith in the alteration, which they look upon as a mere fad.—The number of indoor paupers for the fortnight has been 114, as against 108; 535 outdoor against 640; and 88 vagrants relieved against 119.

TUDDENHAM TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—The first meeting of the adult branch of the Church of England Temperance Society was held on Tuesday evening in the Board School. There was a crowded attendance. A most interesting and stirring address was given by Mr. Abbey, the organising secretary for the diocese, and was listened to with marked attention by the large audience. The Vicar, who occupied the chair, in the course of a few remarks, paid a high tribute of praise to Mrs. Luff, who had founded and for three years successfully carried on the Band of Hope in this village. The music, which was of a high order for a village entertainment, included glees by the church choir and two songs, one by Miss Florence Leggett and one by Mr. Dalby, of Ipswich. Mr. Luff also recited very effectively "The Gambler's Wife." At the close of the meeting a number of pledges were taken.

YOXFORD: SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. R. J. EASTER.—Another sudden death occurred at Yoxford on Monday morning, that of Mr. Robert J. Easter, formerly of the Queen's Head, Saxmundham, who has lately been carrying on the Griffin Inn, Yoxford.

YOXFORD: THE LATE MR. R. ANDERSON.—On Sunday afternoon the remains of the late Mr. Robert Anderson, rural postman from Yoxford to Middleton, were interred in the churchyard of St. Peter's, Yoxford, amid many tokens of respect. The coffin was borne by six of his fellow postmen in uniform, Messrs. G. Borrett, S. Spore, W. Tripp, R. Boland, W. Cattermole, and F. Brewer. A number of the parishioners followed, with the inside and outside staff of the Saxmundham Post-office, Messrs. Wint, postmaster (Saxmundham), Wint, junr., Self, A. B. Howard, M. Cordle, T. Lambert, jun., W. Cattermole, E. Lambert, W. Leadon, R. Boland, C. Martin, E. Chapman, E. J. Cooper, J. Warne, Green (Yoxford), F. C. Hall (son of the late Postmistress, Yoxford), A. Brown (Middleton), and a large number of the residents of Saxmundham and Middleton. Wreaths were sent by many sympathising friends and from fellow postmen. At the graveside the Vicar (Rev. M. D. Lines) made appropriate reference to the deceased.

YOXFORD TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.—The Yoxford and District Teachers' Association held a meeting in the Board Schoolroom on Saturday afternoon. The president (Mr. C. E. Gilbert) presided. Discussion took place on the N.U.T. scheme for denominational schools, all agreeing that the 10s. paid in advance at the commencement of each school year would be very helpful to the managers of voluntary schools. Discussion also took place on the extra requirements for the lower standards in 1895. It was urged that some subjects would have to be dropped, as the time-table was already overloaded. All agreed that the work would be found useful to the scholars, but no time could be found to teach it. A proposition was unanimously passed that a resolution be sent to the Executive, urging them to take immediate steps for the removal of this extra burden on schools. Mr. Gilbert read a paper on the "Teachers' Benevolent Fund."—Mr. Filmore (Saxmundham), Mr. Whitehead (Blaxhall), and Miss Swan (Southwold), were admitted members of the Association. Tea followed, and a pleasant evening was spent.

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SUFFOLK COUNTY LUNATIC ASYLUM.

THE Committee of Visitors, at their meeting to be held at the Asylum, on Saturday, December 22nd, 1894, invite Tenders to supply the Asylum for thirteen weeks (commencing 1st January, 1895) with Beef and Mutton, Bread and Flour, Grocery, Beer, Coals, Faggotwood, Hay and Straw.

All persons desirous of tendering for supplies should inspect the samples, which may be seen at the Asylum, on Wednesday, the 12th instant, from 12 to 3, and printed forms, upon which alone tenders must be sent in, may be obtained on application to the Clerk and Steward.

The Committee will not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any other Tender.

JAS. DUNLOP, Clerk and Steward.

Suffolk County Asylum, December 1st, 1894.

BOROUGH OF IPSWICH.

ALTERATION OF MARKET DAY.

IN compliance with the wishes of the majority of the Merchants and Traders of Ipswich, I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that Tuesday, the 25th December, being Christmas Day, Ipswich Corn and Cattle Markets will be held on MONDAY, the 24th DECEMBER.

Dated this 28th November, 1894.

J. H. BARTLET, Mayor.

Town Hall, Ipswich.

WANGFORD UNION.

ELECTION OF NURSE.

THE Board of Guardians, at their meeting on the 10th day of December, 1894, will proceed to elect an ASSISTANT NURSE at a salary of £20 a year, with board, lodging, and washing, who will be required to assist the nurse and matron at the Workhouse at Shipmeadow, and to take the sole charge of all cases treated at the Workhouse Infirmary.

Applications, in the handwriting of the Candidates, with testimonials, are to be sent to the Clerk's office at Beccles on or before the 8th day of December, 1884; and Candidates must attend personally at the Board Room of the Union at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon on the day of election, but no travelling expenses will be allowed.

F. S. RIX, Clerk.

Beccles, 26th November, 1894.

STOW UNION.

DISTRICT AND WORKHOUSE MEDICAL OFFICER.

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By order, R. E. WILKES, Clerk to the Guardians.

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Pursuant to the Statute 22nd and 23rd Vic. Cap. 35, intituled "An Act to further amend the Law of Property and to relieve Trustees."

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all Creditors and other persons having any claims against the estate of ISABELLA JANE BAXTER, late of Clopton, in the County of Suffolk, spinster, deceased (who died on the 22nd day of September, 1894, and whose will with a codicil thereto was proved in the Ipswich District Registry of the Probate Division of Her Majesty's High Court of Justice, on the 20th day of November, 1894, by Mr. Herbert Edward Creasy, of Clopton, in the County of Suffolk, draper, and Mr. William Arnott, of Woodbridge, in the County of Suffolk, auctioneer, the Executors therein named) are required to send particulars of their claims to me, the undersigned, by the 29th day of December next, after which date the assets of the said deceased will be distributed amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the said Executors shall then have had notice.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 1894.

WILLIAM W. WELTON, Woodbridge, Suffolk, Solicitor for the Executors.

GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of "The Great Eastern Railway (Finance) Act, 1867," a MEETING of the PREFERENCE STOCKHOLDERS of the GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY will be held at the CITY TERMINUS HOTEL, CANNON STREET, in the City of London, on TUESDAY, the 11th day of December, 1894, at 12 o'clock noon, precisely, at which meeting the draft of a Bill proposed to be introduced into Parliament in the Session of 1895, under the short title of "Great Eastern Railway (General Powers)" will be submitted for approval.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN, that at the said Meeting the Directors will submit for approval a Statement of proposed Expenditure on Capital Account, showing the work and objects to be accomplished and the estimated sum required.

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The Ipswich Journal.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1.

POSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT.

As the year wears on and the Parliamentary session looms in the distance, it is impossible not to commiserate Lord ROSEBERY upon his position. It is not a far cry to March 12th, but yet the opinion seems to be deepening that the Prime Minister is not a success. As a Scotchman one might imagine that he ought to have been able to play his cards to the best advantage in his native county, but "dear old Scotland," as Mr. GLADSTONE used to call it, seems to follow the rule of being unable to honour one of its own prophets. Why is all this? The answer must be found in the inveterate habit of sitting on the fence which Lord ROSEBERY has formed for so many years. It is now pretty well admitted that he attained his present position by being all things to all men. By judicious wire-pulling all the factions of the "piebald party" seemed to agree upon Lord ROSEBERY as the man of the hour, though they are now beginning to ask themselves on what ground they formed this opinion. The canny Scots are the first people to appreciate the inwardness of a man's character, and as it happens Lord ROSEBERY has committed some bad blunders on his native heath. It was in Edinburgh that he made the celebrated speech a few days after the "predominant partner" utterance, and tried to explain away that remarkable justification of the House of Lords. Such a flagrant case of wobbling is not likely to attract the admiration of the sturdy Scot. Then, again, it was a curiously foolish thing for the Premier, in Scotland, to say that he was, in principle, rather in favour of Church Establishment, but that as the Presbyterian masses had become Tory he should prepare a Bill to disestablish the Scotch Church. Finally, it was in Scotland that Lord ROSEBERY admitted that he could not bear the idea of a single Chamber, while at the same moment he sketched out a plan of reducing the House of Lords to the position of a registration of Bills office. This is to play the part of Mr. FACING-BOTH-WAYS rather too cynically for the Scotch conscience, and hence the rebuff of the Forfarshire election. Nor will Englishmen admire a whit more the wobbling of Lord ROSEBERY on the question of the payment of members. All he said was that the Cabinet would take the matter into their earnest consideration, but he never said a word as to his real views upon the subject. Once more he sat on the fence, and hinted that on this question, as on all others, the Government were squeezable. We do not believe this is an attitude which Englishmen admire in any statesman, much less in a Prime Minister. One of Lord PALMERSTON's great characteristics was his power of saying "No." Lord ROSEBERY has either no convictions or he is afraid to state them boldly.

RADICAL DIVISION OF OPINION.

No doubt one main reason for this attitude is the division of opinion in the Cabinet. It is pretty well known that there are two distinct parties in the Government, but the difference of opinion which separates them was never so clearly apparent as in Mr. ASQUITH's speech at Birmingham on the Lords. Lord ROSEBERY had proclaimed himself a Second Chamber man, in Scotland, in principle, and had quoted the example of the world at large; but Mr. ASQUITH ostentatiously belittled Lord ROSEBERY's list of Upper Houses. His whole speech clearly showed that he is in favour of a single Chamber, and that he would not

tolerate, if he could help it, any sort of check upon the House of Commons save such as the House of Commons could itself remove. In fact, Mr. ASQUITH'S latest utterance is equivalent to a declaration against the view taken by the Prime Minister, and throws an important side-light upon the difficulties and divisions of the Cabinet itself. The verdict of Forfarshire may strengthen Lord ROSEBERY'S position in the Cabinet for a time, but it is pretty clear that the combative and aggressive Radical element in the Government, as represented by Mr. ASQUITH, will persist to the bitter end in pushing the policy of "Down with the House of Lords." The Unionist party desire no better issue on which to fight the campaign. Mr. RAMSAY'S best card during his election was that the existence of the House of Lords had practically saved the country from a measure on which the people had not been fully and finally consulted. To blame the House of Lords for insisting on the right of the people to be consulted was manifestly unfair. The Scotch electors saw clearly enough that the Radical party were trying to divert the attack from the question of Home Rule to the question of a Second Chamber. This diversion failed altogether in Forfarshire. If the House of Lords is to be condemned at all, it will be for its faults, and not for its merits. It was distinctly a meritorious service on the part of the House of Lords to say that the people should give a separate judgment upon Home Rule. It is on the face of it an unfair thing to try and snatch a vote for Home Rule neatly wrapped up in a vote for disestablishment, or *vice-versâ*. This is what the Government tried to do in 1892, and it is what they will try and do next year with the question of the House of Lords. It is the business of the Unionist party to unmask this manœuvre, and to make it quite plain to the electors of Great Britain. In the meantime the question of Home Rule in Ireland is practically dead. Mr. W. O'BRIEN has been trying to galvanise his fellow-countrymen into a little political excitement by some fervid speeches concerning Irish rebels in the last century. But the great mass of the people in Ireland are thoroughly disgusted with their so-called leaders. The rancorous abuse of each other which goes on in the Nationalist press is in itself the best proof of the utter impossibility of handing over Ireland to men so furiously divided against themselves. Great Britain has it in her power, at the next General Election, to give the finishing stroke to the Home Rule policy, and the only way it can be done is by returning a Unionist Government to power by an overwhelming majority.

RADICAL CONSISTENCY. If the election for the School Boards has done nothing else, it has given us a curious insight into the many-sidedness of the great Radical party. Far and wide, over the Metropolis, we have had the cry of "No Popery" raised against those who have no other wish than that the elements of the Christian religion should be taught in schools according to the compromise of 1871, and from which it was clear that, in many cases, there had been a departure. So effective was this cry that the vast majority of Nonconformists sided with Socialists and free thinkers against the upholders of religious teaching, with the result that not a single Roman Catholic priest was elected to the Board. In Ireland, however, where the cry is that, in the event of Home Rule, the Nonconformists and other Protestant population would be at the mercy of their most bitter enemies, the Irish priests, the vast majority of the Nonconformists of this Kingdom have made a close alliance with these priests, for the injury of their fellow religionists. Truly the Nonconformist Radical is a many-sided person; but does it not look as if conscience with him, in these matters, meant pure opportunism? Does it not look as if, in a general way, the Radical Nonconformist does not care one jot what other serious results may take place, so long as his social enemy—the Church of England—is injured?

NOTES.

Ipswich School Board Election. Neither side has yet taken any action in the matter of the forthcoming School Board election. It is understood, however, that the Rev. W. E. Atack, Unitarian minister, will stand as an Independent candidate.

Ipswich Market. Christmas Day falling on a Tuesday this year, the Mayor of Ipswich (Dr. Bartlet) has given notice that the weekly corn and cattle markets will be held on the Monday (Christmas Eve). It were well that the tradesmen also took united action, and made some announcement as to the Christmas holidays.

Search for Coal. Speculation will be rife for the next six or seven months as to the probability of coal being found in Suffolk. The actual work of boring for the valued mineral was commenced on Monday on the estate of Mr. Graham, of Stutton, but, as was previously announced in our columns, many months must elapse ere the diamond drill can reveal to us whether or not a coal seam actually exists. Eminent geologists believe that coal will be discovered. The sincere wish of all Suffolk people, from the richest to the poorest, is that the geologists are not mistaken.

Candidate for West Cambs. The West Cambs Conservative Association are to be congratulated upon their choice of a candidate in succession to Mr. Geo. Cawston. On Saturday last, the Association unanimously adopted as the Unionist candidate at the next election Mr. Raymond Greene, of Nether Hall, Bury St. Edmund's. Mr. Greene, who was educated at Eton and Oxford, belongs to a family who have always taken an active interest in political work in Suffolk, his grandfather having represented Bury borough in the Conservative interest for some twenty years. Mr. Raymond Greene is a young man, and in these days of keen-fought contests is in every way a suitable champion of the Unionist cause.

Land Representation. Referring to the sparce representation of land and real property in the House of Commons, a non-political journal—the *Property Market Review*—says it is a matter for congratulation, whatever his party, when a land agent of the experience of Mr. Ramsay, who has just won the seat for Forfarshire, is sent to St. Stephen's. Since the lamented death of the late Mr. Beadel, chief agent for the Duke of Bedford, and the retirement of Mr. Biddell, who represented one of the Suffolk Divisions for so many years, there has not been a leading land agent in Parliament, with the single exception of Sir John Whittaker Ellis, though Mr. J. F. L. Rolleston's gallant fight at Leicester a short time since came very near to victory.

Ipswich Guardians' Election. It seems more than probable that there will be contests in the majority of Ipswich parishes in the Guardians' election. All the retiring members are likely to come forward again, with the exception of Mr. J. W. Beart and Mr. F. Crisp, in St. Clement's, and Dr. W. P. Mills in St. Matthew's. A non-political association, with Miss Patteson as president, and Mrs. S. Alexander as vice-president, has been formed to promote the return of five ladies, viz.: Mrs. J. P. Cobbold for St. Clement's, Mrs. W. T. Griffiths for St. Matthew's, and Mrs. Bulstrode and Miss Everett for St. Mary Stoke. In St. Matthew's parish, Mr. E. Hull Ryde has already issued an address as an independent candidate, and it is announced that five labour candidates will enter the lists. Mr. C. Simpson will probably be nominated for either St. Clement's or St. Margaret's, and it is understood that a labourer will stand for the new urban parish of Rushmere.

Street Traffic. A rule of the road is desirable either by land or sea, but more so in towns like Ipswich, with its narrow footpaths and angular corners. If pedestrians would endeavour to observe the generally acknowledged custom of keeping to the right when walking along our public thoroughfares they would add very materially to their own comfort as well as that of their fellows. Unfortunately the inhabitants of the borough appear to be of a very forgetful turn of mind, and it is a very common occurrence to see one person either running into another or threading his way along in the most zigzag manner possible. Were this system adopted in London the public streets would be blocked from morning till night. It would not be a bad idea if the Paving and Lighting Committee emulated the practice of those corporations who hang a notice on every lamp requesting foot passengers to keep to the right.

Executions. The latest example of European humanitarianism, in which England has for many years taken the lead, has been seen this week in the Spanish Royal decree, prescribing that executions in Spain shall in future take place in private. Execution or the garottee in Spain takes the form of strangulation by means of an iron collar worked by a screw—a method more repulsive from a public point of view than hanging; but even this is preferable to the fate, which, less than a century ago, befel an Ipswich woman, who was burned at the stake for the murder of her husband. Very many people still hold the opinion that in this country we have not yet gone far enough, and would prefer to see a total abolition of capital punishment; but the apparently increasing frequence of murder does not warrant any relaxation in this respect, even were it desirable for other reasons to do so. Were the death penalty abolished, the probability is that shocking deaths by the hands of men would be appallingly frequent.

Returning Officers Fees. The reception which the East Suffolk County Council gave to the protests of the Suffolk guardians' clerks was somewhat disappointing, although strictly in accordance with the Act. It seems to us that the clerks, with one exception, have allowed their good nature to get the better of them, and by accepting the position of returning officers at the coming elections," under protest," the chances are that in many instances they will suffer pecuniarily. Lord Henniker, however, was rather hard in his criticisms of the officers, who, as far as we are aware, have been thoroughly respectful towards the County Council; indeed, if we remember rightly, a majority of the Local Government Act Committee charged with the duty of fixing the scale of fees, absolutely refused to alter their terms of remuneration when asked by the clerks, and while there was yet the specified time in which to do so. The difficulty in the Hartismere Union, where the clerk refused to act as returning officer, and where the only applicant for the position threw up the offer in disgust, was yesterday amicably settled by the appointment of the clerk's son.

Fertilisers. The Radical Government made a great cry of what they had done for the farmer when they passed into law the Fertilizers and Feeding Stuffs Act, which came into operation at the beginning of the present year; but we are reminded by a Yorkshire contemporary that not a single prosecution has yet been taken under its provisions. Doubtless the Act has had a beneficial influence on manufacturers, who were none too particular prior to the adulteration of fertilizers and feeding stuffs becoming the subject of legislation; but it would be optimistic to hope that there exists no reason for the enforcement of the Act, and that every ounce of feeding stuff and manure sold during the past eleven months has been of the requisite standard of purity. The fact is the Act does not go far enough; the clauses dealing with prosecutions left too much work to be undertaken by the purchaser, and now, apparently, because what is anyone's business is no one's business, the Act is allowed to fall into desuetude.

Cattle Disease. West Suffolk farmers deserve the greatest commiseration in the hardships they are subjected to by the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Order, especially as there is no outbreak in their own county. Cambridgeshire, Essex, and Kent have each supplied cases of this dreaded infectious disease, and it is only right that the Board of Agriculture should take all possible means to prevent its spreading; but like many other governmental departments, the Board of Agriculture generally carries its protective measures to unreasonable limits. The widespread feeling of dissatisfaction which prevails in West Suffolk was manifested at a crowded meeting of farmers and agriculturists held at Bury St. Edmund's on Wednesday, "to protest against the exceptionally severe restrictions which unnecessarily stop the sale of fat stock for slaughter over a wide area, and are calculated to cause serious loss and great inconvenience to both agriculturists and butchers." The loss of the Christmas markets for their fat stock means a great deal to the farmers, and when it is remembered that cattle cannot be brought from, say Bury St. Edmund's to Ipswich market, although there is not a single case of infectious disease in the whole of the county, the restrictions are (as a speaker at Wednesday's meeting observed) "worthy of an inmate of Melton Asylum." It was resolved to send a strong deputation to the Board of Agriculture to endeavour to get the harsh regulations either removed or considerably modified forthwith. We shall see whether this deputation can bring more influence to bear on the Board of Agriculture than have other similar bodies in the past.

THE FIELD.

The Duke of Hamilton's Harriers will meet on Monday, December 3rd, Hill House, Playford; Friday, December 7th, Saxtead School, at 11.—The Henham Harriers will meet on Tuesday, December 4th, Redisham Corner; Saturday, December 8th, Metfield Street, at 11.—The Suffolk Foxhounds will meet on Tuesday, December 4th, Depden Green; Saturday, December 8th, Langham Hall, at 11. This pack is having some wonderful sport this season; hounds are accounting for the foxes they find.

UNDER THE HAMMER.

LOWESTOFT.

On Tuesday, at the Royal Thoroughfare Sale Rooms, Mr. A. G. Notley offered two lots of property for sale. The first, a freehold marine residence, No. 12, Wellington Esplanade, Kirkley, facing the sea, with garden and back entrance, was disposed of for £1,400 to Mr. Percy Davis, Notting Hill. The semi-detached freehold residence, No. 2, Richmond Villas, London Road, Kirkley, with garden and vinery, late in the occupation of Mr. R. Castle, was sold for £650 to Mr. W. J. Wilton.

BUNGAY.

Mr. W. Howlett sold by auction at the Fleece Hotel, on Thursday, three dwelling-houses, producing an estimated rentals of £30 4s. Mr. George Bedwell, of Earsham, became the purchaser at £340. Messrs. F. and A. C. Smith were the solicitors concerned.

DESPERATE STRUGGLE WITH A FOWL STEALER NEAR EYE.

Edwin Ernest Colman, alias "Farmer Jack," labourer, Thorndon, and Robert Potter, labourer, of the same place, have been arrested on a charge of stealing two hens, value 6s., the property of Mr. Edward William Brown, of the White House Farm, in that parish, on the 24th November. It appears that Police-constable Colyer, a smart young officer of the Suffolk constabulary, stationed at Thorndon, was on duty near the White House Farm shortly after ten o'clock on Saturday night, when he saw the accused leave the Black Horse Inn. When they got as far as the White House it is alleged that Colman got over the fence, leaving Potter standing in the road, and that when Colman returned to his companion he had two fowls with their necks broken in his possession. Police-constable Colyer appeared on the scene, and after charging Colman with stealing the fowls, took him to the White House, where the fowls were identified by Mr. Brown. Upon being told that he would have to go to the lock-up at Eye, Colman became very violent, and offered a stubborn resistance, and a prolonged struggle took place between him and the police-constable in the kitchen of the White House, and it was not until after Mrs. Brown had run out and procured the assistance of two men that Colman could be secured and conveyed to Eye. On Monday Potter was also arrested and jointly charged with being concerned in the robbery. Both the accused men were taken before Mr. T. H. Tacon on Monday evening, who remanded them to the Hartismere Petty Sessions on Monday. Potter was liberated on bail, and Colman was removed to Ipswich gaol.

DIED IN A DITCH AT WICKHAM MARKET.

AN OLD SOLDIER'S SAD END.

A sad fate has befallen David Walker (53), of Wickham Market, an army veteran. After being an inmate of the Plomesgate Workhouse for some time, he left that institution in September last; and on Friday last, dressed in the Union clothes, his dead body, in a decomposed state, was discovered in a ditch at the bottom of Dr. Keer's meadow, by Mr. F. Keer. The Deputy Coroner (Mr. Walter Brooke) inquired into the circumstances attending Walker's death on Monday, when Frederick Sheldrake, relieving officer, spoke to the deceased visiting his house on September 24th and asking for an order for the Workhouse, which he gave him. Witness asked deceased when he left the house; he replied that morning, and said that the Master would not admit him without a fresh order.—Thomas Eade, porter at the Plomesgate Workhouse, stated that he had known the deceased 13 or 14 years. He remembered letting him out of the house about seven o'clock in the morning of September 24th. Deceased then said he should go to Yorkshire, to his brother. The deceased was generally supposed to be an imbecile, but was quite capable of taking care of himself.—Mr. Frederick Wm. Keer, of Wickham Market, said on going down to his marshes on Friday morning he found the body of a man in a ditch. Deceased was lying face downwards in about two feet of water; there would have been considerably more depth of water during the floods, about ten days ago. The position in which deceased's body was led witness to think that he had fallen in.—Dr. George Keer, who drove down to the spot, said deceased had been weak-minded, more so sometimes than others. This, witness believed, arose from sunstroke in India when in the army.—Verdict, "Found dead."

THE KAISER'S SONG.

A Kaiser in beyond criticism. A number of persons have been arrested at Hamburg for speaking disrespectfully of the Kaiser's musical composition, the "Song to Ægir." They will be tried for lese majestie.

THE CONDEMNED MAN AT CHELMSFORD

VISITED BY HIS WIFE.

Mrs. Read, wife of James Canham Read, and Mrs Kelly, his sister, had an interview with the convict in Chelmsford Gaol on Wednesday afternoon. Both women saw the convict at the same time, and the meeting lasted a little over half an hour. "My husband seemed in excellent spirits," said Mrs. Read afterwards, "and he is very hopeful about the result of his appeal to the Home Secretary. He asked after all the children, and seemed very glad to see us."

BANKRUPTCY OF A SUFFOLK FARMER

AFTER FORTY YEARS' LABOUR.

On Tuesday the first meeting of the creditors of Frederick William Mudd, farmer, late of Red House Farm, and now of Mouness Farm, Stonham Aspal, at the offices of the Official Receiver (Mr. Fred. Messent), Ipswich, was summoned, but as there was no quorum of creditors present the meeting was adjourned until Tuesday. Mr. R. H. Jeweson, solicitor, attended on behalf of the debtor. The summary of debtor's statement of affairs shows gross liabilities amounting to £1,942 18s. 4d., including £1,232 18s. 4d. to unsecured creditors, and £710 partly secured, of which £1,642 18s. 4d. is expected to rank for dividend. The assets, as stated and estimated by the debtor, are put down at £398 0s. 8d., leaving a deficiency of £1,244 17s. 8d. The Official Receiver observes:—"This debtor, who filed his own petition, states that he has been in business as a farmer for nearly forty years, and that when he commenced he had a capital of about £1,000. He relinquished his farm at Michaelmas last, and the whole of his farming effects were sold by auction. The net proceeds, amounting to £156 0s. 8d., have been paid to me by Mr. Frederick Fox, the auctioneer. The corn still remains to be threshed, and, according to the debtor's estimate, is worth about £205. On the expiration of the debtor's tenancy of the Red House Farm the covenants were valued, and amounted to £289 3s. 6d. The incoming tenant informs me that he has paid the amount of that valuation to the landlords. I have made a verbal application to one of those gentlemen to pay over the amount to me, and he verbally declined, but at present I have not ascertained on what ground he claims to be entitled to retain in. I believe, however, that rent of nearly an equal amount was due to the landlords."

IPSWICH CORONER ON INCOMPETENT MIDWIVES.

PRESENTMENT TO THE HOME SECRETARY.

The Borough Coroner conducted an inquiry at the David Street School, Ipswich, on Saturday, into the death of a female child a day old. It appeared from the evidence of Emily Canham, of 20, Waterworks Street, who nursed the mother, that the child was very much deformed. She left on Friday evening, about seven o'clock, and returned on Saturday morning just after breakfast, when she found the child had been dead three hours. The mother said she prepared some gruel for the child, but it was unable to take it.—Mr. W. J. Staddon ascribed death to improper expansion of the lungs. An experienced midwife or medical man might have detected that the lungs were not properly expanded, and would have had recourse to artificial means. —The Coroner alluded to the undesirability of midwives or nurses not possessing certificates being allowed to attend such cases, and he pointed out that

A ROYAL COMMISSION

had been formed to deal with the question of uncertificated midwives. The Commission had recommended that a measure should be passed preventing women not holding certificates of competency in midwifery to act as such. The requirements of the measure, which the Coroner hoped Parliament would soon consider, required women undertaking the responsible and arduous duties of a midwife to bring knowledge and skill to the discharge of their duties. Anyone could now act as a midwife, and if death ensued from the neglect or non-attention of a woman to those duties that person would have to be held responsible.—The Jury returned a verdict in accordance with the medical testimony, and made a presentment that it was highly necessary, in the interests of the poor, that a measure should be passed making it compulsory on persons who exercised the calling of a midwife that they should undergo examination before being permitted to undertake such duties. They requested the Coroner to communicate the expression of their opinion to the Secretary of State, and the Coroner said he would accede to the Jury's wishes.

INCENDIARISM IN SUFFOLK.

WHEPSTEAD MILLER CHARGED WITH FIRING HIS PREMISES.

On Friday, at Bury St. Edmund's Police Station, Peter Mansfield, 41 years old, miller, of Whepstead, was charged with having feloniously set fire to his dwelling-house, corn mill, and barley stack.—Police-sergeant Allen asked for a remand until Monday. Mr. Ashton, for the prisoner, enquired whether any evidence was to be offered that afternoon. The Magistrate: I understand not. Mr. Ashton considered the course proposed to be adopted very unusual. The Rev. J. White: Do you object? Mr. Ashton thought there ought to be some evidence. The Rev. J. White remarked that the charge was a serious one, and presumed the Superintendent of police would not have taken the action he had done unless there were good grounds for his doing so. He remanded defendant until Monday. Bail was refused.—A further arrest in connection with the Whepstead fire was made, and on Saturday Mary Lock, 34 years old, was charged with the crime. Police-sergeant Allen asked that defendant might be remanded until Monday afternoon. She made no answer to the charge, and was accordingly remanded and detained in custody. For some time she has acted as housekeeper to Peter Mansfield, at Whepstead.—On Monday the two prisoners were again charged, and after Supt. Clarke had narrated a conversation between himself and the male prisoner, with the object of conveying the inference that the prisoner had removed a watch dog from his premises, and was in the now ruined mill until 12 o'clock on the night before the fire was discovered, both prisoners were further remanded.—Both prisoners were again charged before the Bury Bench on Wednesday, when it was stated that the male prisoner's wife had been so shocked by his arrest that her depositions had not been taken, she having only recovered consciousness that morning. Evidence was given to show that the premises were well insured, but the most damaging statement against the male prisoner was made by a labourer named Pallant, who said that a week previous to the fire he suggested to Mansfield the advisability of getting the landlord to repair some holes in the mill floor. His reply was "Beggar the old mill, that ain't much good," adding "I should like to see it blaze." Considerable evidence was taken, after hearing which the Magistrates discharged the female prisoner and remanded Mansfield for a week to Ipswich gaol, bail being refused.

TWO STACKS DESTROYED AT WALPOLE.

Early on Sunday morning, a fire broke out in the stackyard of Mr. Charles Taylor, at Walpole. A large straw stack was consumed, while a large stack of hay also caught fire, and was so greatly injured as to be useless. Some ladders were also destroyed. With two water-carts and buckets, the fire was prevented from spreading. The cause of the fire is unknown. The damage is covered by insurance.

BURNING FATALITY AT WHITTON

CONFLICTING MEDICAL TESTIMONY.

IPSWICH HOSPITAL STAFF CHARGED WITH DISCOURTESY.

On Monday evening, the Ipswich Borough Coroner held an inquest at the East Suffolk Hospital respecting the death of Harriet Rose Wolton, the nine-year-old daughter of George Wolton, of Whitton, who died from injuries received by burning a week previously. It appeared from the evidence that about nine a.m. on the 17th November deceased was left at home by her mother, together with an elder sister. On the mother's return from Ipswich at noon, she found that the younger child had been burnt on the face, hands, and one of the arms. The mother dressed the wounds, and summoned Mr. J. L. Aymé-Aymard, upon whose recommendation the unfortunate girl was taken to the Hospital. The elder sister, before leaving deceased in the kitchen to attend to household duties, placed the guard on the fire, and only a little time had elapsed before her attention was attracted by a groan from the deceased. She found her sister's apron smouldering, and several

LIGHTED SPARKS ON HER DRESS.

Assistance was rendered by a neighbour, Mrs. Pollentine.—Mr. John Dalby, senior house surgeon at the Hospital, said he found extensive burns on the child's face, neck, both hands, and inner side of the right arm. Death supervened from exhaustion. Witness dressed the wounds daily. Asked whether it was not advisable that the dressing should have been allowed to remain, especially as the wounds had been so recently dressed by another doctor, the Coroner remarked that it was stated in a work by an eminent authority that the dressings should not have been changed for several days until they had been loosened, inasmuch as the dressing of any large burn was necessarily painful, and consequently injurious.—The Surgeon dissented from the opinion, saying it was far more dangerous to allow the dressing to remain, as in all probability blood poisoning would have supervened.—Mr. J. L. Aymé-Aymard, sent for at the request of the Jury, deposed to dressing the burns with dry boracic acid, which from experience he found was the most beneficial remedy for burns. Replying to the Coroner, the witness said he should have allowed the dressing to have remained three or four days, or even a week, unless ulceration, inflammation, or suppuration warranted removal. Asked whether he informed the authorities as to the nature of the dressing, Mr. Aymard said he purposely avoided doing so, as the

MEDICAL MEN IN THE TOWN WERE TREATED WITH CONTEMPT

by the Hospital acting staff.—The House Surgeon was re-called, and alluded to the condition of the wounds, at which Mr. Aymard expressed his surprise. Nurse Rocke, in charge of the Children's wing, said the wounds made a discharge necessitating daily dressings. —Verdict, "Death through accidental burning."

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£10,000 FOR BREACH OF PROMISE.

A breach of promise action which is likely to attract considerable attention will come on in the High Courts after the first week in December. It is set down as Kempsall *v.* Holland. The plaintiff is a young American lady, well known under another name as an actress, and the defendant is a Liverpool stockbroker. The damages are laid at £10,000.

AN INSANITARY HOME AT KESSINGLAND.

FATAL SEQUEL.

On Wednesday afternoon Mr. C. W. Chaston, county coroner, conducted an inquiry at Kessingland into the death of Margaret Perry (26), the wife of a mariner named Jas. Penny, residing at 11, Elm Cottages, Kessingland. It appeared from the evidence of the husband that deceased was confined five weeks ago, since which time she had been very ill and had been under the treatment of Dr. Bowling. Witness was unable to procure a nurse, although willing to pay for one, and consequently his mother and a girl named May Beamish had been attending to the deceased, the house, and the children. On Monday morning he was sent for, and on finding his wife lying on the floor, he at once ran for Dr. Bowling, and upon returning she was dead.—May Perry, mother of the previous witness, said that on Sunday night she gave deceased some beef-tea, and at half-past four the following morning she went downstairs and fell asleep. Hearing a fall soon afterwards in deceased's bedroom, she ran upstairs, and found the deceased lying on the floor on her right side, and making a strange noise in her throat. She was quite unconscious. Witness called for May Beamish and others, but death ensued almost at once.—May Beamish corroborated, and Dr. Bowling stated that he attended deceased at her confinement. The house was in a very insanitary condition, due to negligence on the part of the tenants. He reported the matter to the Sanitary Authority, and everything possible was done to disinfect the house, but the insanitary surroundings brought on puerperal fever, from which, however, deceased had recovered. Her death was due to syncope, in consequence of the fall.—The Jury regarded the fall as accidental, and returned a verdict in accordance.

THE LATE MR. R. D. MASON, C.B.

FUNERAL AT IPSWICH.

The remains of the late Mr. R. D. Mason, C.B., whose death at the ripe old age of 80 years, and his brilliant naval record were announced in the last issue of the *Journal*, were quietly laid to rest in Ipswich Cemetery on Wednesday last. The funeral obsequies were, like the deceased gentleman, most unostentatious in their character. At noon the coffin containing the body was borne out of the deceased's late residence, 12, Fonnereau Road, and placed in an open hearse, the chief mourners being as follow:—First carriage, Rev. Sidney Boucher (brother-in-law); second carriage, Admiral Mason, C.B., Mrs. Boucher, and Dr. Boucher; third carriage, Miss Mason and Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Aldous; fourth carriage, Mr. W. B. Jackaman, Mr. H. M. Jackaman, and Colonel Begbie; fifth carriage, Mr. E. Lindsay and the servants. On arrival at St. Margaret's Church, where

MANY TOWNSPEOPLE HAD ASSEMBLED

to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Mason, the first portion of the impressive Burial Service was recited. Among the many friends who had gathered within the sacred edifice were:—Dr. Durrant, Mr. W. Alexander and Mr. Fred. Turner (churchwardens), Colonel Russell, Mr. G. Calver Mason and Mrs. Mason, Dr. W. A. Elliston, Dr. J. Legge Currie, Colonel Gower, Rev. Chas. Ward, Messrs. E. T. Read, F. Pawsey, S. Barry, T. Harrison, H. J. Bevan, Abbott Lord, H. Capon, and many others. The well-known hymn, "Rock of Ages," was first sung by the choir and congregation, after which the Rev. Canon Garratt read the psalm and lesson. The, in this case, singularly appropriate hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," formed the concluding portion of the serivce in church, the choir rendering it in a tenderly expressive manner to a new setting by Dr. Barnby. Mendelssohn's, "O rest in the Lord," was impressively played on the organ by Mr. Jas. Price as the body was borne out of the church. The remaining part of the service, at the graveside, was read by Canon Garratt, assisted by the Rev. Sidney Boucher.

THE FLORAL MEMENTOES

included wreaths or crosses "in affectionate remembrance," from the deceased gentleman's sisters Caroline and Agnes (Mrs. Boucher and Miss Mason), from Mrs. Vyvian, Miss E. and Mr. C. Boucher, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Aldous, Dr. and Mrs. Boucher, Mrs. A. H. Aldous and daughters, Mr. and the Misses Jackaman, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Jackaman, Mrs. Lindsay, Dr. and Mrs. Locke ("in kind remembrance of a valued next-door neighbour"), the Misses Moore, and the household, the latter sending an anchor made of choice flowers as their "sincere tribute of respect." The funeral arrangements were superintended, with customary care, by Mr. Chas. Moss—for Messrs. Fredk. Fish and Son, Suffolk House, Ipswich.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST IPSWICH MEN.

"FISHING FOR IRON": PRISONERS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

George Brown, Albion Street; Wm Webb, 52, Cavendish Street; Wm. Fitch, Dale Court, Cox Lane; and John Berry, Siloam Place, appeared before the Ipswich Borough Justices on Monday charged with stealing pig-iron, the property of Messrs. Ransomes, Sims, and Jefferies, which was stacked on the firm's wharf.—Mr. W. Marshall prosecuted, and Mr. S. Gooding appeared for Mr. Southgate, marine store dealer.—In stating the facts, Mr. Marshall said the defendants stole the iron from a large heap and buried it on the Knolls until a favourable opportunity presented itself of unearthing it, and selling it to Mr. Southgate. The identity of the iron would be established by an analysis by Mr. J. Napier, county analyst.—Frederick Miller, foreman in the moulding department at Messrs. Ransome's works, said about eight hundred tons of pig iron was now stacked on the wharf near the Orwell Works, and he recognised the pieces produced as identical with several of the varieties. On the 16th of October witness went to Mr. Southgate's yard, and examining the iron he recognised most of it as belonging to his employers.—Albert Jenner, iron breaker, could

SWEAR POSITIVELY TO ONE PIECE OF IRON

having been stacked on the quay.—Mr. J. Napier, county analyst, said that on the 24th of October he took samples of the blue and limewash with which the iron on the wharf near the Orwell Works was marked. He also took filings as a sample of iron, and compared the wash and the iron with that at the Police Station. They were identical.—The evidence of a labourer named David Goodchild was to the effect that on October 11th Webb, Fitch, and Berry asked him to go with them for some pig iron, remarking that they could earn a crown. They took a handcart belonging to Southgate to the Fore Hamlet and down to the prosecutor's wharf. The cart was left behind the black boards near Messrs. Paul's malting, and they went to the heap of pig iron. They took some across the Knolls, and put it in a ditch. The reason they didn't put the iron in the cart was because they all agreed that it would make too much noise. Witness saw the same three defendants next morning; and he and Fitch asked Webb and Berry if they were not going after the iron. They said they were not. Walking in the direction of the ditch they saw

WEBB AND BERRY GETTING THE IRON OUT.

They had Mr. Southgate's cart, and witness and Fitch saw them drive into Mr. Southgate's yard. Witness saw one lot of the iron weighed by Mr. Southgate, who paid Webb 9s. 1d. When they got outside he asked to be given their share, but Webb said "You won't cop." (Laughter.) They were, however, afterwards given 2s. each.—Henry Scopes said he went with Berry and Webb to Southgate's, and put the horse in the cart. He drove to the Knolls, the two defendants going with him. They took the iron, of which there were fifteen half-pigs, out of the ditch and put it into the cart, covering it with a piece of old canvas. After they left Southgate's yard, and had had some drink at the Earl Grey, witness asked Webb where he got the iron, and he said, "We took it out of a boat and put it on the Quay, and then carried it on to the Knolls in the night."—William Bales also spoke to assisting Webb and Berry.—Mr. Marshall called a boy named William Goodchild, who also saw the iron put in the cart from the ditch, but he added that Brown was assisting to get the iron out.—Walter Southgate, son of W. Southgate, fishmonger and marine-store dealer, Pottery Street, said his father had a yard and stables in Long Street, and let out handcarts, but he didn't know anything of a hand-cart being hired by either of the defendants. Witness did not go on to the Knolls with his father's horse and cart. Webb took it saying he

WANTED TO GET SOME OLD IRON

in it. Witness bought iron off the four defendants, but the purchase was not entered in the books. There was between six and seven cwt., for which he paid about 8s. to Webb. Defendants told him that they had dragged the iron out of the dock, and there were weeds and mud on it.—Police-constable Meadows was in Long Street on the 16th, about mid-day, and going to the gate of Southgate's yard, saw a quantity of pig iron. Later he saw Southgate, and went into the yard, where two men named Miller and Jenner identified it as Messrs. Ransomes' property. Witness and Police-constable Hughes arrested the prisoners, and at the Police Station Fitch called witness on one side, and in the hope of "doing himself a little good," made the following statement:—"I and Webb, Brown, Berry, Peter Lord, Edward Hatcher, John Goldsmith, and David Goodchild—they were the ones which stole the iron. This took place in October, but I don't remember the day. It was between seven and eight in the evening." He said he was invited to join the others, one of whom said they had taken iron before to Mr. Southgate's, and been paid for it.—Defendants were formally charged, whereupon Brown said he was walking along the side of the Dock, and saw Webb in a boat, and got in with him. They later saw Berry, and he got in too, and when the water was low enough Berry took off his clothes and jumped in, and fastened a piece of rope to bits of iron; they got about eight or nine pieces. He (Brown) then said,

"LET'S JACK THIS UP;

my hands are cold." About seven o'clock next morning they got the iron out of the boat, and carried it across the meadow, and put it into the ditch, so that they should not lose it.—A labourer named Fred Green, called by Brown, corroborated this story.—The defendant Webb told a similar tale, but added that every time the Dock was dry he got several pieces of pig iron and put them into the same place. Fitch said he was invited by the others to get some iron, and they took some and buried it in the mud of the ditch. Those present were William Webb, Edward Hatcher, John Berry, George Brown, and John Goldsmith. A sum of 11s. 9d. was received for the iron. Of this money he had not a farthing.—Berry said he saw Brown and Webb in a boat, and he joined them and fished for iron. Other persons in boats were doing the same.—Defendants were committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions, bail being allowed.

A FATHER'S SHOCKING DISCOVERY AT LOWESTOFT.

A boy named Horace Runacres, five years of age, and the son of a shipwright, John Runacres, had been missed by his parents, who live at 24, Beckham Road, since eight o'clock on the morning of November 10. Every inquiry was instituted, a thorough search was made, but all efforts to trace the little fellow were fruitless, and his disappearance was shrouded in mystery. At one o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, however, his father went to draw a pail of water from the cistern in the back yard, and to his horror the body of his son was brought up in the bucket.—At the inquest before Mr. C. W. Chaston, on Wednesday, the mother of the deceased boy stated that at twenty minutes to eight o'clock on Saturday, Nov. 10th, she partly dressed him and sent him for some boot'aces, which he brought to her and then ran out of the house. That was the last time she saw him alive. She was positive the opening to the tank in her yard was closed when last used; she was always very careful about doing so. It was, however, quite possible for the deceased to have fallen through the opening in the neighbour's yard.—John Runacres, father of the deceased, deposed that on the lad being missed he looked down the tank, and probed the water with a stick, but not thoroughly, as he thought from what the other lads stated that his boy had been stolen. It was possible for deceased to have lifted the lid of the tank by himself, but the lid would not fall back into its proper place.—Sergeant Garrod expressed the opinion that the well was dangerous, and the Jury returned a verdict of "Accidental death," adding that a stone slab should be placed over the well, and a pump substituted.—The deceased's father, who owns the property, promised to carry out that suggestion.

HOXNE RELIEF DISTRICTS.

MORE ABOUT THE AMALGAMATION QUESTION.

The members of the Hoxne Union Board of Guardians mustered in strong force at the Boardroom, Stradbroke, on Monday, when the difficulty which has arisen over the combination of the two relief districts was again discussed. Mr. C. W. Chaston (chairman) presided. A majority of the Board had agreed to a resolution in favour of this proposal, but the sanction of the Local Government Board was refused, and the Guardians were asked to elect two relieving officers.—The Rev. R. G. Gorton asked if the Local Government Board were masters of the Guardians.—The Chairman pointed out that the Guardians could, if necessary, defer the question, seeing that the Board was about to expire, and that the Board could, if they desired, appoint an officer temporarily.—The Rev. H. S. Marriott: Then we can carry out the matter without the consent of the Local Government Board?—The Chairman: Only to the extent of electing some one to temporarp fill the vacancy until the relieving officer is elected.—Vice-chairman Cook anticipated no benefit, economically or otherwise, from having only one relieving officer, and he moved that the Board at once advertise for a second.—The Rev. H. S. Marriott moved that Mr. Thirkettle be appointed relieving officer for

BOTH DISTRICTS FOR TWELVE MONTHS.

—The Rev. R. G. Gorton thought it would be better for Mr. Thirkettle to continue for a further period, seeing the Board had nearly run out.—The Rev. F. French seconded the proposition, arguing that if the representatives were firm and determined the Local Government Board would give way. If he (Mr. French) with the Chairman and another Guardian could interview the President of the Local Government Board he was certain they could convince the President that it was expedient, by way of economy, to have only one district and one officer.—Vice-Chairman Read seconded Mr. Cook's proposition, contending that it was impossible for one relieving officer to visit the cases which came before the Board.—Mr. Devereux complained strongly of the action of the Local Government Board, and Mr. Goldspink urged the Board to be unanimous; then no doubt the

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD WOULD GIVE WAY.

—Mr. Kent referred to a case in his own parish, which he alleged had been wrongly dealt with by Mr. Thirkettle through having but one officer, and contended that it was utterly impossible for one officer to carry out the duties of so wide a district.—Mr. Thirkettle at this point was called in and explained the matter at issue to the thorough satisfaction of the Board.—Eventually the following amendment, proposed by the Rev. R. G. Gorton and seconded by Mr. Clarke, was carried:—"That in deference to the opinion held by the Local Government Board, and bearing in mind that the present Board of Guardians will soon cease to exist, it is desirable to postpone dealing with the question of amalgamation of the relief districts for three months, and that Mr. Thirkettle be asked to continue during the interval to perform the duties of relieving officer for both districts." The voting for the amendment was 11 for and none against. It was then put as a substantive motion and carried by 18 to 8.—A large number of applications were made by labourers out of work for temporary relief.—The sanitary inspector (Mr. Fisher) reported that the whole Union was now free from infectious diseases.

A WORKING MEN'S COLLEGE

IN NEED OF FUNDS.

THE MAYOR OF IPSWICH ON RECREATIVE EDUCATION.

The Ipswich Working Men's College is in the unfortunate position in which individuals are sometimes placed of suffering from being misunderstood. There is an impression among some of those to whom it looks for support that its work has been superseded by the new educational movements, and that in any case it stands in no need of funds, having a grant from the Town Council. Both conclusions were shown by Mr. E. P. Ridley, who presided over the annual meeting on Wednesday, to be wrong. The institution claimed to still hold a unique place in providing classes for adults and persons approaching manhood, for whom the evening classes of the School Board might not seem so suitable, and its operations had not in any year during the past ten been so much appreciated as they had been in the past year—a fact which was shown by the number of students, 265. As for their financial position, it was true that last year they received a technical instruction grant of £70 from the Town Council, which this year would be reduced to £40, but the income from voluntary sources had fallen within the last few years from £190 to a little over £100. The subscriptions had declined £40, partly because subscribers did not think that their help was any longer needed. That their help, however, was required was shown by the balance-sheet, which, including an outstanding account, revealed

A DEFICIT OF £6 10s.

Mr. Ridley referred to the wide range of subjects taught at the institution, and urged that friends should rally round it, for unless they did so the Council would be unable to face the future. He especially appealed to the old students who had been successful from the College, to remember it in their days of prosperity. —On the motion of Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Phillips, the report was adopted. At the instance of Mr. J. Butcher, seconded by Mr. Aylward, Lord John Hervey was re-elected president. The Vice-presidents were re-appointed with the addition of the name of the Mayor (Dr. Bartlet), who had kindly consented to distribute the prizes that evening. Mr. E. Barrett was again elected hon. secretary, the remark being made that he was the corner stone of the building, and Mr. F. H. Orvis, assistant secretary. The following were elected by ballot members of the council;—Messrs. E. Battell, E. Pumfrett Brand, Sidney Brand, F. Butcher, W. H. Calver, G. Fisk, J. W. Popplewell, E. P. Tetsall, and W. O. White. Mr. W. T. Angell and Mr. T. Aldous were elected to represent the students, and Mr. H. J. Wykes to represent the teachers.—The Mayor, who was received with cheers, gave an interesting address before distributing the prizes. He had often observed that where an institution like the Working Men's College was partially dependent on voluntary support and partly on endowment it was very apt to fall to the ground between the two stools. He hoped that after Mr. Ridley's explanation the

DANGER WOULD BE AVERTED.

Referring to the advantages offered by the Institution, Dr. Bartlet controverted two maxims that used to be very strongly enforced:—"A little knowledge is a dangerous thing," and "Attend to your own business and leave other people to attend to theirs." He was perfectly certain that a man could not make himself acquainted with too many sets of things, and he was convinced that the study of subjects other than those which formed one's business might be taken up as a recreation. He pointed out how, during a railway strike, men who had some slight knowledge of mechanics had been able to turn that knowledge to great advantage, and he also gave a diverting illustration drawn from one of Mr. Bellew's readings, entitled "Love in a Balloon." The regular aeronaut had been taken ill, and a young lady who had proposed to make the ascent was greatly disappointed. The inquiry was sent round the Park whether there was any gentleman present who had a knowledge of balloon steering. A young man who had made some study of the subject volunteered successfully; and the sequel might be guessed. (Laughter.) Such a chance, however, happened to few young men. (Renewed laughter.) Another maxim which he (Mr. Bartlet) used to hear was that a man could not take up many subjects with profit—two or three were enough. In opposition to that he recalled an experiment which, when he was studying natural science and chemistry in London, he saw made by Professor Graham. He took a glass vessel, covered it with a membrane, and filled it with one gas, and then put in as much oxygen or nitrogen as if the vessel were empty. That seemed to him

A FAIR ILLUSTRATION

of the capacity of the human brain. Concluding, he appealed for increased assistance for the College, setting the example with a new annual subscription.—A motion by Mr. Scott that the gentle sex be admitted to membership in the College was carried. The prizes were distributed as under:—Society of Arts certificates—Book-keeping: R. G. Pierce, 2nd class certificate; H. Collins, T. H. D. Gooding, A. V. Leverick, and O. H. S. Sleightholme, 3rd class certificates. Theory of music.—E. G. Creek and F. G. Sage, higher certificates. Phonography.—F. Pipe, 3rd class certificate. Prizes awarded by the Council and teachers for good conduct, attendance, and proficiency during the session:—Phonography, advanced.—Marshall Duggan, Francis Pipe, and Herbert A. Howlett. Phonography, elementary.—Percy Amos, William R. Lamb, Spencer Talbot, and Frank S. Mills. Book-keeping class.—Albert V. G. Leverick, T. H. D. Gooding, and Albert Horne. Writing class.—Percy Osborn, Sidney Fisk, and James Reeve. Grammar class.—Alfred Maton. French, advanced.—Ambrose Leathers. French, elementary.—William Henry Hawes. Vocal music.—Ernest George Creek and Charles Hicks. Theory of music.—Frederick John Sage and Henry Lewin Taylor. Arithmetic, algebra, &c.—Walter Littlewood and Frederick Sheldrake. Arithmetic, elementary.—Daniel Fredk. Marshall and Percy Osborn. Elocution class.—S. E. Taylor and Sydney Fisk.

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IN SEARCH OF A FIFTH WIFE.

A WIDOW'S WILES.

At Hereford Assizes, on Wednesday, before Justice Matthew, Sarah Hambling, a widow, of Ashford, Kent, and her brother, Charles Cocksedge, cooper, of Grove Street, London, were charged with stealing £206, the money of Richard Oliver, hearse proprietor, Hereford. The prosecutor, having lost his fourth wife in December of last year, made the acquaintance of Hambling through a matrimonial agency early this year. He confided to her that he had secreted money in the seat of an old hearse, and she had induced her brother to steal it. Her letter of directions to this effect was found, but only £39 of the missing money was discovered. The money was in a paint pot. The defence was that Oliver never had the money. Each prisoner was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour.

MR. CHEVALIER AND HIS SONGS.

Mr. Chevalier was known as a song-writer for the music halls before it ever occurred to him to become a music-hall singer himself. His well-known song, "Our 'Armonic Club," was first sung by him in the burlesque of "Aladdin" at the Strand Theatre. In the music-halls it was sung by Mr. Charles Coborn with much success. Indeed, says *St. Paul's*, it is in no small measure due to the persuasion of Mr. Coborn that Mr. Chevalier became a music-hall singer. Mr. Coborn used to say, "Why on earth don't you go on and sing your songs yourself?" and in a friendly way threatened to sing them if Chevalier hesitated to take his advice. "Chivvy" was the less eager to risk the reputation he had made as an actor, because he had just returned from a tour organised by himself and Mr. John Beauchamp, in which he had tried most of the songs which have since become famous, and had lost every penny he possessed. Beauchamp and Chevalier went the round of several provincial towns, giving an entertainment called "Sock and Buskin," in which—besides appearing in several of the well known characters from Dickens—Chevalier sang his songs, played his one-stringed fiddle, and both did all they knew, Mr. Charles Ingle being the accompanist. The result may be gauged by the fact that at the Corn Exchange, Northampton, they took 2s. at the doors. Mr. Newson Smith, of the Pavilion Music Hall, heard Chevalier singing some of his coster songs at the Bons Freres Club, and prevailed on him to accept an engagement. On his appearance at the Pavilion he sang "The Coster's Serenade," and "Such a Nice Man, Too!" with immense success.

CAMPSEA ASHE TRAGEDY.

JURY FIND A VERDICT OF "WILFUL MURDER."

PRISONER COMMITTED TO THE ASSIZES.

The unfortunate young woman, Martha Hammond, who, it has transpired, was only 18 years of age last May, again appeared before the Woodbridge Bench on Monday charged on remand with the murder of her infant child, whose body was found in Campsea Ashe Wood under circumstances recorded in our last issue. The prisoner did not wish to be present at the adjourned Coroner's inquest, and Supt. Hubbard asked for a further remand until next Wednesday, a date which had been fixed to enable the Chief Constable to communicate with the Public Prosecutor. This request was complied with, the Magistrate (Mr. J. B. Hart) expressing a hope that in the meantime the prisoner would receive every indulgence so far as the Ipswich prison rules would permit.—The adjourned inquest was also resumed on Monday by Mr. Walter Brooke, deputy coroner for the Liberty of St. Ethelreda, at the Buck's Head Inn, Campsea Ashe. A thrill of pity ran through those present when Sarah Hammond, mother of the accused and the wife of John Hammond, a Great Eastern Railway platelayer, was called as the first witness. In her evidence she stated that the last time she saw Martha, previous to last month, was in September, 1893. She, however, was aware that she was in the Union last September. Her daughter came home to Campsea Ashe about three weeks ago, and stayed one night. As witness's daughter Annie had told her that the child was dead, she asked Martha what it died from, and Martha replied, "In fits." She did not say whether it died in the Union or not, and no more allusion was made to it. By the Jury: Her daughter would have found her up if she (witness) had been out if she had called home on the 11th September. Witness did not see her at all in the Union.—Caroline Smith, of Tunstall, having given evidence, Elizabeth Goddard, nurse in the Plomesgate Workhouse, was called. She stated that the prisoner was

IN THE WORKHOUSE ABOUT TWO MONTHS.

She received a parcel and opened it in the presence of witness, which contained a baby's shirt, a little flannel belt, calico band, a strip of narrow white-corded ribbon, two pieces of calico, which she made into a bed sheet, and a little white nightgown. There was nothing else for the baby, but a hat for the woman. That parcel was received after the birth of the child. After describing how the child was dressed on the morning that Martha Hammond left the Workhouse, witness identified the bed blanket, the bed sheet, the nightdress, the ribbon band, the flannel belt, and the calico belt, all of which articles were upon the body of the child found in the wood. She also identified the black cape produced as having been placed round the child when it left the Union. This cape was the article in which the body was packed. During the time that Hammond was in the Union she appeared to be very fond of the child. When she left she said she was going home.—By the Jury: The child was strong and healthy when it left the Union.—By the Coroner: It had never had any convulsions.—Laura Annie Sargood, a trained nurse, of Ely, who had known Hammond while in the Plomesgate Union House, said she saw the latter dressed ready to leave the house at the same time she left, on September 11th. Witness went to the house of a Mrs. Lamb, where she engaged rooms. Later, in company with Mildred Lamb, she went for a walk, and when on the road to the Railway Station she saw Martha Hammond

STANDING OUTSIDE THE STATION.

Witness said to her, "Who would have thought of seeing you." She replied, "I knew you had not gone to London, as I asked the porter if a nurse's luggage had gone to London that day." A further conversation took place and the prisoner walked back part of the way with her a little beyond the bridge.—The Coroner: During that time did you ask her where she had been? —Yes; she said she had been with her sister to Ashe Rectory. She also stated that she had been home, and said "My father and mother did not ask me in, not even to sit down." I then asked her how and where the baby was. She replied, "I have left it with an old school friend."—Did she say where?—Near the Post Office at Tunstall, who she knew would be kind to it. I then asked her if she was going to London, or where she was going. She said she did not know; she wanted to go to London, but she had no money. I gave her a shilling, and she said she would see if she could get a bed for the night.—Did you see her again during the day?—Yes; about three-quarters of an hour afterwards, between the Post Office and bridge.—Did she say were she was going?—She said she

HAD NOWHERE TO SLEEP.

We then went into Mr. Hill's, confectioner's. I offered her a bun and a glass of ale. She said she had not had anything since her breakfast in the morning.—After you came out there?—We went into Mrs. Lamb's, where Hammond had tea with me.—Did any conversation take place about her sleeping there?—Yes; I did not like the idea of the girl sleeping out, and I had spoken to Mrs. Lamb about her, and Mrs. Lamb said as she had nowwhere to go she might put her up.—How long did she stay there?—Tuesday night and Wednesday night.—During that time did she make any further allusion to the child?—No Sir.—Did she seem in good spirits?—Much better spirits on the Wednesday than she did on the Tuesday.—She told me on the Wednesday that if she had enough money to get to London she could go to her old situation, which was kept open for her, and I

BOOKED HER TICKET TO LONDON.

I also gave her a shilling and some pence.—Have you since had any correspondence with her?—I think I heard from her on the following Tuesday, when she said she had got back to her old work, and she was going back to her old lodgings on the Thursday. She wrote to me from King Street Post Office, Parliament Street, Westminster, and asked me to write to her there. On the following Monday I had a letter enclosing a postal order for 10s.?—By the Foreman (Mr. Buxton): When I went to the sports I saw a girl named Hayward; she was at the gate as I went in.—Did you say it was a good thing she had got rid of the baby?—I said nothing of the sort.—By a Juryman: Were you in the Chequers that night?—Yes; I went in with Alice Hayward about a place.—By Mr. Anthony: I was at the station about four. I was not related to Hammond. I

THOUGHT SHE WAS FRIENDLESS.

I was then out of a situation, but I told her if she could pay me she need not trouble. I have not seen Hammond since I saw her at the Woodbridge Station. —Robert Spence, porter at the Wickham Market Railway Station, and Mildred Lamb, gave evidence, the latter corroborating Sargood's statement that she went a walk with her round Pettistree on the afternoon of the 11th of September.—Police-constable Wilson, re-called, stated that from Wickham Market to the place where the body was found was a distance of from four to four and a half miles, and the distance from there to Ashe Rectory one and a half miles.—The witness Sargood, re-called, stated that Hammond pointed the Framlingham Road out to her as the way she went on the morning of the 11th of September.—The Coroner, in a brief but lucid summing up, dealt with the question of the identity of the body, which, he pointed out, was established by the clothing. Coming next to the question as to its death, he called the attention of the Jury to the

CONTRADICTORY STATEMENTS

made by the young woman Hammond that she had been home with the child, then that she had left it with Mrs. Smith, and then that it had died of fits. Then came the question, if the child was suffocated how was it done? At first there seemed to be some suspicion that Sargood had something to do with it; but she had given her evidence in a straightforward and proper way. She took a certain amount of interest in the woman, and simply acted, as he thought, as a good Samaritan, and could not be held as either aiding or abetting.—The Jury found that the child was that of Martha Hammond, and that she had

WILFULLY MURDERED IT.

—The Coroner thereupon issued his warrant for the committal of Martha Hammond to the next Assizes for wilful murder.

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MR. KEIR HARDIE'S ORATORY.

Mr. Keir Hardie has a pretty oratorical courtesy. He told a small Glasgow audience that the Premier talked "miserable rot."

A CURIOSITY OF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

The following curious letter from a creditor to a bankrupt was read a few days ago in the King's Lynn Court:—"*Re* Bankruptcy. Sir.—I thought it best, both for you and myself, that I should write before the first meeting. I have not yet proved, but I have not been idle in the matter. I have some very awkward questions to ask you, but to save unpleasantness I will accept £5 (or value to that sum), and the remainder of my debt I will take dividend upon, and say nothing further about it. Please let me hear by Tuesday next if you agree to this."

AN IPSWICH CAPTAIN'S BRAVERY REWARDED.

PRESENTATION OF THE HUMANE SOCIETY'S CERTIFICATE.

The Ipswich Borough Justices were on Monday morning called upon to discharge a pleasant duty, and one which greatly relieved the monotony of the criminal business, viz., the presentation to Captain Tovee, of the s.s. Merrimac, of the Royal Humane Society's honorary testimony on vellum, for his bravery in saving life in August last. Calling the worthy recipient before the Bench prior to the business of the Court, the Mayor (Dr. J. H. Bartlet) said he had been requested by the Secretary of the Royal Humane Society to present, in the most public manner possible, that honorary testimonial. The certificate was given for only one instance of his many acts of bravery. Some apology might be needed for calling him before the Magistrates, but he had received his invitation from the Magistrates, while the other gentlemen who appeared before them received their invitation from Colonel Russell. (Laughter.) He (the Mayor) must say that Captain Tovee conferred a great privilege on the Magistrates, and added a bright spot to their business. The captain had on several occasions risked his life to save that of others, and he did credit to his country, his town, and his employer. Many persons had received a medal for less than he had done, and he (the Mayor) hoped Captain Tovee would live long to be the means of rescuing others. (Applause.)—Captain Tovee afterwards addressed a reply by letter to the Mayor, expressing his thanks for the honour conferred upon him.—The circumstances of Captain Tovee's bravery were stated to the Bench in a letter from Mr. W. F. Paul. Captain Tovee has been instrumental in saving several lives, the most recent case showing conspicuous bravery. On the afternoon of August Bank Holiday a lad fell from the Quay at Slaughden, Aldeburgh, just as the Merrimac steamed alongside, and Captain Tovee, leaving the bridge and running alongside the Quay, jumped into the stream and saved the lad, who was being carried away by a strong flood tide, and was greatly exhausted. Captain Tovee also rescued a lad about two years ago from the Orwell opposite the Lock Tavern, he being at the time on board the Merrimac.

WOODBRIDGE DIVISION CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING: ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

There was a numerous attendance at the annual meeting of the Woodbridge Division Conservative Association, which was held on Tuesday afternoon in the large assembly room of the Ipswich Conservative Club. Lord Rendlesham (the president) occupied the chair, and he was supported by Col. Lloyd-Anstruther and Mr. C. H. Berners (Woolverstone Park), the two vice-presidents of the Association. Captain Pretyman, who was unable to be present owing to a political engagement in the Brigg Division of Lincolnshire, wrote under date November 25th:—"I need hardly say that nothing but urgent duty could prevent my attendance at your meeting. I had made arrangements to be present, but I received a most urgent call to help in the contest now going on in the Brigg Division; and I feel sure all the members of the Association will agree that my right place is where I can be of most service to the cause we all have so much at heart. I am glad to tell tell you that matters here look hopeful. If Brigg follows Forfarshire, a heavy and damaging blow will have been struck at the Separatist party. May I be allowed to congratulate the Association upon the progress it has made since our last meeting 12 months ago. As regards registration, I cannot speak too highly of the able and untiring work Mr. Fison has done for us. I firmly believe that the

UNFULFILLED PROMISES SO FREELY MADE

by Radical agents before the last election are now coming home to roost, and the voters begin to realise how little they have to hope from a party of divergous groups of faddists and tied to the chariot wheels of the disloyal Irish. I regret to say that many labourers in the Division are now receiving what can only be called "starvation wages"; while farmers and landlords are in little better plight. To improve this state of things should, after the maintenance of the empire, be our first and greatest care. An election may shortly be upon us, and I know that I need not urge our members when the day comes to use every possible effort to throw off the Irish yoke and give England, and above all agricultural England, her fair share of beneficial legislation." (Applause.)—Mr. W. M. Fison presented a very encouraging report of the work done in the Revision Courts during the year, from which it appeared that the party had not only maintained the heavy gain it was enabled to record last year, but had also slightly added to that gain. Considerable progress, it was stated, had been made at Aldeburgh, and after allowing to the other side losses by death, removals, and classing every new voter who was not a known Conservative as a Radical, the Conservatives had a majority over their opponents. (Loud applause.)—In moving the adoption of the report, Mr. A. M. Bernard expressed his great satisfaction, and ventured the belief that Mr. Fison had not exaggerated the position of parties, and while their majority was a modest one it nevertheless appeared to be substantial. He thought without being rash they might venture to put confidence in Mr. Fison's estimate. (Hear, hear.)—Mr. R. A. Deane (Hintlesham) seconded the adoption of the report, which was unanimously agreed to.—Mr. Bernard, as hon. treasurer, next presented the annual financial statement, which was equally satisfactory. He explained that a deficit of £10 in 1893 had been extinguished, that subscriptions came in freely, that all liabilities had been discharged and that a balance of £20 remained in the bank. (Applause.) He congratulated the Association upon its excellent financial position.—The

RE-ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

was moved by Col. Anstruther, who spoke of the interest Lord Rendlesham took in the Association.—This was seconded by Mr. E. Packard, jun., who fully endorsed Col. Anstruther's remarks, and spoke of his past services to the cause.—The resolution was carried with acclamation—In acknowledging the compliment his lordship expressed the pleasure it afforded him to act in concert with the members of the Association; for he had had some political experience, and he still felt that as long as he could be of any service to the party he was always most willing and anxious to assist them. (Applause.) He regretted, as did they all, the absence of Captain Pretyman, but he was doing good work in trying to assist in what he (his lordship) hoped would be the capture of another seat for the Unionist party; because every seat they gained now meant a decrease of the very small Radical majority. As they were aware, the Radical party were now being very severely pressed by their "tail," and that "tail" wanted to compel them to pass measures which were most strongly objected to by the Unionist party. Therefore, the more the Radical majority could be reduced the less chance there would be of their passing those measures. After a brief reference to the prospects of the party at the next election, which were such as to lead them to hope to be able to turn the tables on their friend Mr. Everett—(applause)—the noble lord went on to say that the Parish Councils Act was not approved of by some of the people, but, as it had passed into law, they must make the best of it. He did not wish to make the Parish Councils elections a political matter, but it was their duty to try and return men thoroughly representative of all classes—landlords, farmers, and labourers. (Hear, hear.) He understood that in some parts of the country endeavours had been made to make compromises, but he was afraid there would be difficulty in that, because, from what he was told, in many of the larger parishes their opponents wanted to have the whole, or a majority of the representation. It was impossible for their party to accept an arrangement of that character. He had no doubt, however, that if things were taken in their proper manner in the smaller parishes they would be able to

ARRANGE MATTERS SATISFACTORILY,

and so in many cases contests might be avoided. Concluding, he urged upon the members the necessity of working to keep our empire intact, and if they would do anything to benefit agriculture they must return as many members as possible to try and do something to improve the present very desponding state of agriculture. (Applause.)—Mr. T. Carthew proposed the re-election of Col. Lloyd-Anstruther and Mr. C. H. Berners as vice-presidents, and feelingly alluded to the excellent service which Col. Anstruther had rendered the cause in the Woodbridge Division in the past.—Mr. J. Flintham seconded, remarking that he was glad to hear Aldeburgh stood so well. (Laughter.) Indeed, he was proud to live in a borough that had been Radical for so many years but which now seemed to stand at the top of the list as a Conservative borough.—The motion was heartily adopted, and Col. Anstruther, in reply, offered his congratulations upon the excellent prospects of the party in the Woodbridge Division. The present position of agricultural interests, he observed, was absolutely intolerable, and the longer they kept a Radical Government in power the less likely was it anything would be done for agriculture; on the contrary, all the present Government could do for them was to put further burdens upon the land. He felt sure that if the Woodbridge Division elected Capt. Pretyman they would have a member who could take an independent part, and one who would be unlike the present representative who, he understood, after seconding a resolution in the House of Commons censuring the Government for taking no notice of agriculture, turned tail and ran away. (Laughter.)—Mr. C. H. Berners also suitably responded, and concluded by moving the re-election of Mr. Bernard as hon treasurer. This was seconded by Ald. Josselyn and carrried unanimously.—The Executive Committee for the ensuing year were then re-elected as follows:—Messrs. T. Carthew, R. Corder, J. A. Hempson, E. Packard jun., Capt. E. G. Pretyman, Mr. A. J. Smith, Mr. J. Symonds, Mr. W. N. Waller, the hon. W. Lowther, General Martin, Capt. H. E. Lacon, and General Hessey.—A vote of thanks to the President, proposed by Capt. Lacon, concluded a most harmonious meeting.

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PARISH & DISTRICT COUNCILS.

PREPARATIONS IN SUFFOLK.

HOW TO ELECT THE COUNCILS.

Tuesday next will be memorable in our history as the date of the first step to one of the greatest changes of the century in our local governing system, more especially as far as it relates to rural England. It is therefore necessary, on the eve of the first elections, to offer some information to our readers as to the means to be adopted in reference to the forthcoming contests. Next Tuesday, not earlier than six p.m., every rural parish meetings will be held, when the nominations must be handed in to the chairman, who will decide their validity, and, if necessary, complete the election by show of hands. The following day (December 5th) Chairmen of parish meetings must deliver to the returning officers their certificates of persons elected, either without a contest or by show of hands, or if a poll is demanded, the names of the candidates in respect of whom a poll is to be taken. The same day chairmen of parish meetings must send notices of their nominations to candidates validly nominated if a poll had been demanded, and of the demand of a poll. Also, on the same day, chairmen of parish meetings will publish, if a poll is not to be taken, their certificates of persons elected without a contest, or by show of hands. On the same day, and not later then 2 p.m., nominations of candidates for election as rural district councillors, or as urban district councillors, or as guardians for urban parishes, must be handed in at the offices of the returning officers for those elections. As soon as possible afterwards the returning officers will decide as to the validity of nomination papers, and send notices of their decisions to the candidates. Friday, the 7th December, is the

LAST DAY FOR RETURNING OFFICERS

for elections of rural and urban district councillors, and of guardians for urban parishes, to publish their statements as to persons nominated, and the decisions of the returning officers on the validity of the papers. Up till four p.m. on the same day, candidates for these elections may withdraw by written and signed notice of withdrawal, left at the office of the returning officers. On the same day, in the case of rural district councillors, if the number of valid nominations does not exceed the number of councillors to be elected, the returning officer must send notice to each candidate who has not properly withdrawn his candidature, that he will be returned as elected. He must also, as early as practicable, send notice to the overseers of the various parishes of the persons who will be declared to be elected, and the overseers must give public notice thereof in their respective parishes. Practically, on the same day, in the case of elections of urban district councillors, and of guardians for urban parishes, the returning officers must, where necessary, publish notices that no poll will be taken, and send copies of such notices to the candidates elected. Saturday, December 8th, will, if the poll for an election of parish councillors has been fixed, by order of the county council, for special reasons, for Saturday, the 15th of December, be the last day for withdrawals of candidates at such an election, by written and signed notice, delivered at the office of the returning officer. It is rather doubtful whether notice of the poll given on Sunday would be held good. Monday, the 10th of December, will, if the poll for an election of parish councillors be fixed for Monday, the 17th December, be the last day for withdrawals of candidates. In this case, Sunday the 16th December would be treated as one of the six clear days before the date fixed for the poll. Tuesday, December 11th, will, if the poll for an election of parish councillors, or of rural district councillors, or of urban district councillors, or of guardians for urban parishes, be fixed for Monday, the 17th of December (which will be

THE NORMAL DATE

unless the county council, for special reasons, fix Saturday, the 15th; Tuesday, the 18th; or Wednesday, the 19th of December), be the last day for the returning officer to publish notice of the poll. This date will also be the last day for withdrawals of nominations where the county council for special reasons fix the election for December 18th.—Wednesday, December 12th, will if the poll for an election of parish councillors, rural district councillors, urban district councillors, or guardians for urban parishes, be fixed by order of the county council, for special reasons, for Tuesday, the 18th of December, be the last day for the returning officer to publish notice of poll. It will also, if the poll for an election of parish councillors be fixed by the county council for Wednesday, the 19th of December, be the last day for withdrawals of candidates at that election.—Thursday, December 13th, will, if the poll for an election of parish councillors, rural district councillors, urban district councillors, or guardians for urban parishes, be fixed by the county council for Wednesday, the 19th December, be the last day for the returning officer to publish notice of the poll. It will also, if no poll be held for an election of parish councillors, be the day on which the persons elected without contest or by show of hands come into office. Saturday, December 15th, is the first day that can lawfully be fixed by order of the county council for special reasons for holding the poll at these elections. Monday, December 17th, is the day on which the polls for elections of parish councillors, of rural district councillors, of urban district councillors, and of guardians for urban parishes will be held,

UNLESS ANOTHER LAWFUL DAY IS FIXED

by order of the County Council for special reasons. Wednesday, December 19th, is the last day which may lawfully be fixed by order of the county council, for special reasons, for holding the polls. In every case the hours of the poll may be fixed by order of the County Council, but must include the hours between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. The votes must be counted as soon as practicable after the close of the polls. The result of the poll must be declared forthwith after the counting of the votes. In the case of an election of parish councillors, if a poll be taken, the result of the poll must be published as soon as possible after the declaration of the result. In the case of an election of rural district councillors, of urban district councillors, or of guardians for urban parishes, the result of the elections throughout the districts must be published as soon as practicable. On Friday, the 28th of December, the newly-elected rural district councillors and guardians for urban parishes outside London will come into office. On Monday, the 31st of December, the newly-elected urban district councillors, and such parish councillors as have been elected after a poll has been taken, will come into office.

SEQUEL TO THE EDUCATIVE CONFERENCE AT IPSWICH.

RADICALISM AT YAXLEY.

This is how the labourers propose carrying the Act out at Yaxley—so writes a correspondent. We may explain that the Mr. Ablett mentioned therein is a quack phrenologist, familiarly known in the district as the "Bump Feeler," who it is understood spends the summer months in touting for business on the beach at sea-side resorts. The vicar's name is Rev. W. H. Sewell. The first meeting was held at the school, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. Fisher. The Vicar very ably explained the various parts of the Parish Councils Act, as it affects the village in which we live. Several questions were asked and answered very satisfactorily, and all present seemed to take a very keen interest in the matter. Votes of thanks were proposed to the Vicar, and also to Mr. Fisher for presiding.—A second meeting was held on November 6th, in the schoolroom. At the meeting the Vicar explained how to act in electing councillors, not to allow political feeling to arise, but approach the Act in a brotherly and sociable spirit, and work together one and all for the common good of all. There were times when we could not all agree together nor talk alike, but, surely, we might all unite and pull together and get all the good we could out of the measure, and not let party feeling arise to blind ourselves in such a cause as this. Hinted about holding another meeting to appoint a committee of selection to elect the seven Councillors. The usual votes of thanks being proposed and seconded, the good and useful meeting dispersed.—November 12th. A Mr. Ablett who, by-the-bye, is an expert in discerning between good brains and bad, and whose action in the matter the public will best judge for themselves, was busy in trotting round the village and telling the unlettered to muster together and exercise their power, and not let the Tories have it all their own way. A vestry meeting was therefore held at the Lion Inn of the followers of this gentleman, who gave the men strict orders how to proceed at the coming election. Business, therefore, was commenced in earnest, candidates were proposed and seconded at an enormous rate. An amusing incident happened, wherein two brothers (one a dependant on her Majesty, and the other a faithful son of the soil) were anxious to obtain that exalted position (Parish Councillors), so they proceed.—Brother Billy says, "I propose my brother Tom." This was seconded. Brother Tom: "I propose my brother Billy." This was seconded and carried. So, in due order, the seven worthies were ordained, and the wonders they were going to perform will be handed down to posterity.—November 20th. The Vicar had another meeting in order to hear the wishes of the electors upon a committee of selection, and to select if possible the seven men who wished to serve, and thus to avoid a poll and save the parish from unnecessary expense. Mr. Fisher being voted to the chair, the Vicar explained the mode of procedure on the 4th of December, but he had not proceeded far before the champion of freedom thought he had caught the Vicar in the act of falling into a deadly mistake, but, upon the Vicar repeating his statement, this mistake was soon put right. It was afterwards discovered that the sense of hearing was slightly affected. It was soon evident that this brave blind leader of the blind was not bent on straightforward business. He told the meeting, which was a good representative gathering of farmers, tradesmen, and labourers, that they wanted no committee of selection. They had their men, and they were not to be bamboozled at all by anybody. The Chairman remarked how discourteous it was to hold such a meeting and not even to ask any of the principal ratepayers of the parish to attend, whereupon this notable, who sat with his hat on, suggested the Vicar should choose the seven men as they had done, and then see who were to be the victors. The Vicar said he was sorry such a line of action should have been taken, and said he should not be a party to such a route of action. Mr. Fulcher asked the leader whether he would submit the names of the Parish Council they in secret had chosen; but he, with great vehemence, replied they would be faithful to each other and not reveal their secrets to any man. No, never! Still pressing the Vicar to name his seven chosen, he was sharply called to order by one of the audience, whereupon he exclaimed, "We may as well go home." And the noble leader made his exit, and all the faithful army of labour dependents marched after him. These then held another meeting, Mr. Ablett presiding. He characterised the last meeting as unbusiness-like, and they were not to be bought, declared he. A gentleman, highly respected and widely known, was branded as a one-armed Tory agent. Tories, he said, were not to be trusted in the smallest matters. They were very false. He enjoined disciples to stick together and they would be like the Japanese, and would gain the fort. The speaker addressed all electors who were not of his thinking as opponents and enemies. He also stated it did not matter in the least to them about the expenses of a poll. Those present would not have to bear it, so it did not matter. Last night (Friday) a meeting was held at the Little Bethel, on the Mellis Road, for the purpose of filling up the nomination papers of the seven labourers.

A REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL FOR PARHAM.

MR. CORRANCE ON MR. GRANT'S SPEECH.

A largely attended meeting of parishioners of Parham was held in the Schoolroom on Monday evening. Mr. F. S. Corrance was voted to the chair, and explained that the object of the gathering was to ascertain who were willing to come forward as candidates for the Parish Council. If more than the required seven were proposed they would have time before the Statutory meeting, on December 4th, to consider which they should adopt. Under ordinary circumstances he should not have thought it his duty to offer observations on the new Act of Parliament, for usually when they received Acts of Parliament all that was done was quietly to proceed to carry them out. But in this instance things presented a rather different appearance. There had been such an extraordinary trumpeting in regard to this Act of Parliament that they were led to ask what all the noise was about. He had been much interested in the speech of Mr. Corrie Grant, who was a barrister, and no doubt a well-informed man. Mr. Grant asked the question why was a meeting held in one parish and not in another, and replied it was because one parish was a rural sanitary district and another was not. He further asked the question, what was the difference between a rural and an urban sanitary district, and replied there was no distinction whatever except that they were so. (Laughter.) Mr. Grant then "explained" another point. He said that throughout rural districts

GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN BY A VESTRY

meeting, which was convened by the tolling of a bell. When that had been tolled a certain time the clergyman and one or two inhabitants met together, settled the affairs of the parish in a few minutes, and were not heard of again until next Easter. (Laughter.) He (Mr. Corrance) wondered in what parish it was that the clergymen and churchwardens disappeared in that way. (Laughter.) One man wanted to know whether, if he prepared a nomination paper, he was bound to hand the paper at the meeting to the Chairman. Mr. Grant said certainly not, provided the paper was properly filled in. Mr. Grant, later on, pointed out that the Parish Council would have power to elect a Chairman from outside, but advised them not to do it unless they were sure of getting a majority. He (Mr. Corrance) submitted that the question of a majority should not be raised—they had not come to divisions yet, and if they did not have them they would not want a majority. At the same time he thought Mr. Grant was right in advising them not to elect a Chairman from without, for it would cast a slur on the parish if they could not find one from their own number. (Hear, hear.) Coming to the powers which the Parish Councils would have for the acquirement of land, Mr. Corrance remarked that at the present time the people held allotments direct from him at what he would presume was a reasonable rent. He had promised them that if rent in the neighbourhood proportionately fell they should be similarly reduced. Mr. Grant explained that, if land was secured by agreement, the Parish Council was at liberty to let any person have any quantity, but if the land was obtained by compulsion each person would be limited to one quarter of an acre, and he advised them not to be in a hurry to put compulsory powers in operation. Where a man was willing to let them have land by agreement it would, perhaps, be better, he said, not to stand out for a shilling or two. He did not mean that they should pay £4 an acre where the farmers were only paying 30s., but if they could get the land for 32s., it would be better not to fight about it.

SUCH TALK MADE ONE'S MOUTH WATER.

He (Mr. Corrance) should not venture to ask them that price, but if they would like to hire their land from the Parish Council instead of from him, they could give notice to Mr. Smith and he would close the hire. He did not think they were likely to do so. (Laughter.) Mr. Grant spoke of the charities. In that parish the question hardly existed. Their were only three or four charities. They might all be assumed to be secular charities, and if the people liked to have the management of them, he was sure that any reasonable request they made would be at once complied with, subject, of course, to the Charity Commissioners in London, who had exercised over the Governors a rather hampering influence in these matters. All he urged was that they should not do anything which should tend to prevent the bequest of charities in the future. Mr. Corrie Grant said people believed the Act was going to bring them great benefits, and he hoped it would make some change in the villages, where life was so dismal that the young men and women were driven into the towns. He (Mr. Corrance) did not think it was because life was dismal that people were driven into the towns, but it was because of the want of work. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Grant and his friends did not like to acknowledge that they had made things so tight for the labourers and the farmers that they were obliged to go away. Mr. Corrance then briefly reviewed the powers conferred by the Act in regard to the acquirement of land, the management of charities, the appointment of officers, the inspection of nuisances and dustholes, and the powers conferred under the adoptive Acts as to allotments, charities, borrowing, finance, and the housing of the working classes and burials. He pointed out that for all these things they were limited to a threepenny rate, and it was to be borne in mind that three quarters of this was to be raised on the houses, only one quarter being obtained from the land. He asked what amount of good could possibly be done with a threepenny rate in a rural district, and contrasted the meagre benefits that were possible with the scheme which he had for many years advocated for a model parish.

A MODEL PARISH

ought, he thought, to have good cottages for the labouring classes, infirmary cottages and hospitals, dispensaries on the system adopted in Ireland—which he had looked into with great care when he was member of Parliament—and club-houses to take the place of public-houses, and provide like them refreshments of all kinds on the Gothenburg system, together with reading-room, library, and other comforts. Another thing in which he took great interest was charity organisation. Our Poor-law system now was administered on hard lines, and it must be so, because it was a repressive system passed by a Liberal Government in 1832, when strong measures were necessary. He should like to see charity properly organised, so that fit houses could be provided for men and their wives in their old age. These had been the dreams of his life, and he believed that with a little knowledge and a little statesmanship these things might have been carried through if the financial prosperity of the country had been maintained. In the last twelve years the rentals of that parish had diminished half, or £2,500 a year, which was equal to a loss of capital of £200,000, but how were these things to be done now that the land was going out of cultivation and employment ceasing? The Government might have done much that they had not. In Norway, Sweden, France, and Germany, when help was required for schemes of this character, a Government grant of some kind was given. Either there were credit banks for lending money on Government security at a low rate of interest, public loans, or grants from the Government direct for certain projects. What was there in this Bill? Absolutely nothing. What was this Act passed for? To blind their eyes to their real wants. (Hear, hear.) Coming to the immediate object of the meeting, Mr. Corrance said it had been thought well in regard to their Parish Councils that they should come to some sort of agreement for

REPRESENTATION ON A NUMERICAL BASIS.

It had been worked out that the labouring classes were entitled to three members, the farmers to two, the tradesmen to one, and the landlords to one. In working things out it was desirable that they should have one representative of the landlords on the Council, as it would facilitate any negociations, and Mr. Smith, who would be nominated for them, would have instructions to render every assistance he could in carrying out the Act.—The motion for a representative Council on this basis was then put, and carried by common consent. The meeting was next invited to name persons willing to serve, and the following were proposed:—For the landlords, Mr. H. R. Smith; for the farmers, Mr. William Grey and Mr. Jesse Precious; for the tradesmen, Mr. Isaac Self or Mr. W. Frost; labourers, Mr. G. Thompson, Mr. J. R. Nicholls, Mr. George Salter, or Mr. Francis Read, of Framlingham, who, Mr. Frost announced, wished to come forward on their behalf.—The Chairman remarked that no doubt the tradesmen and the labourers would be able to make their choice before next Tuesday's meeting, and then they would have a Parish Council on the basis of numerical representation to which they had agreed. Bishop Hill, the rector of the parish, expressed his hope that the new Act would prove a useful measure. Its defects had been most graphically described by Mr. Corrance, and he trusted that the schemes which he had suggested might, in the course of time, ripen and be added to the work. He hoped that the parishioners would unite harmoniously to carry out the provisions of the Act, and he should be very glad if he could be of any use to the parishioners in that respect. (Applause).

CHELMONDISTON: PREFERENCE FOR THE BALLOT.

On Friday evening a meeting was convened at the National Schoolroom, Chelmondiston, to nominate and elect a committee to select candidates for the Parish and District Councils. Mr. D. Packard presided. A resolution to the effect that it was undesirable to elect a committee was carried almost unanimously. The opinion of the majority of the electors was that it would be much better to record votes under the cover of the ballot.

TATTINGSTONE.

A well-attended meeting of parochial electors was held in the Schoolroom last week. The Rev. J. B. Cane explained the Act in a lucid and forcible manner, and expressed the hope that all religious and political party feelings would find no place in their Councils. A mock election then took place.

PULHAM ST. MARY.

On Monday evening a public meeting was held in the Pulham St. Mary Schoolroom for the purpose of discussing the question as to whom it was desirable to select as candidates for the Parish Council. The chairman (Major E. Bond) said he hoped they would drop all religious and party feeling, and that they would elect the Councillors on December 4th by a show of hands, and not by ballot, thereby saving the parish a great deal of expense. This parish returns nine members. Fifteen names were proposed, viz., Rev. W. H. Cleaver, Major Bond, Col. Bennett, Messrs. W. H. Hazard, Gooderham, S. Riches, W. Mullenger, R. Bicker, E. Leist, D. Brown, H. Youell Tufts, W. Drew, R. Whiting, and James Tann.

STONHAM PARVA.

On Monday, a public meeting was held in the National Schoolroom to discuss the provisions of the Parish Councils Act. Mr. John Turner presided, and among those present were the Rev. J. Cooper (curate-in-charge), Messrs. W. M. Bristowe, J. Matthew, E. W. Page, and G. W. Wright (farmers of the parish), and a number of farm labourers and other inhabitants. The Chairman called upon the Rev. J. Cooper to explain the Act, which he did briefly, dwelling especially upon the provisions dealing with the adoptive Acts and the compulsory acquisition and hiring clauses. It was subsequently suggested that it would be advisable to hold a model meeting to familiarise those present with the system of nomination. Accordingly, several nomination papers were passed round, filled up, and handed in. The Rev. J. Cooper having explained the procedure to be adopted at the parish meeting, went on to deal with the papers before him in the same way, one being rejected as invalid. Then a show of hands was taken, which evoked considerable merriment among the labourers present. Finally, the Chairman expressed the hope that a contest would be avoided, and thereby the attendant expense saved, and urged those present to do their utmost to arrive at an amicable understanding so as not to necessitate a poll. The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks. There are seven councillors to be elected in this parish, and it is hoped that a unanimous decision will be arrived at by the electors, and the best possible men chosen to sit upon the Council.

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KELSALE: A CONTEST ANTICIPATED.

The adjourned meeting for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee appointed to select 13 out of 18 members to be nominated for the Parish Council was held on Monday evening in the Assembly Room of the Church House, Kelsale. There was a large attendance. Capt. Price, R.N., presided. He stated that since the last meeting the Committee had selected the following gentlemen:—Messrs. J. Andrews, W. Chambers, jun., Rev. G. H. D. Davies, Captain Price, Messrs. W. Gray, W. Jordan, Adam Mann, J. Ney, W. Punchard, C. A. Savage, J. Teager, S. Thompson, and E. Woodyard. He thought on the whole this was a very fair representation. There were three or four labourers, four farmers, and the rest made up of various professions. He proposed, and Mr. Wm. Chambers, sen., seconded the following resolution:—"That this meeting do hereby confirm the nominations made by the Committee for the Parish Council, and pledges itself to make all endeavours to get them accepted at the parish meeting to be held on the 4th December."—Mr. Goss said he thought there ought to be a contest; it would enliven the place, and the cost would not amount to more than £7, in fact, he was willing to head a subscription list himself for that purpose. He thought the labourers were insufficiently represented, especially as there were a large amount of charities. His opinion was a contest would help to educate the people, and he certainly should like to see the Act carried out to the very letter. He strongly objected to things being "cut and dried."—Mr. F. Chambers (assistant overseer) reminded Mr. Goss that he was the first man who spoke to him about calling a meeting, and on the necessity of avoiding a contest if possible. In the end the resolution was carried by only two dissentients. In spite of the above arrangement it is generally believed that a contest will take place.

DEBENHAM: EQUALITY OF REPRESENTATION.

On Monday a meeting was held in the National Schoolroom, Debenham, to receive the report of the committee formed to select candidates for the forthcoming Parish Council election. Mr. H. Abbot presided, and he remarked that the object of the Committee had been to select candidates who would secure a fair and impartial representation of all interests. A show of hands was then taken as to the proportionate representation of each class. It was agreed that the farming interest should be represented by three councillors, trade by six, and the agricultural labourers by four. A list of names was then read over, and the feeling of the meeting taken. It was finally decided that the original committee should form a small sub-committee, and attend to the nomination of the candidates who secured the support of the meeting. It was also decided that Mr. J. W. Read and Mr. T. E. Barker be nominated as district councillors. Mr. T. H. Last will be asked to take the chair at the meeting next Tuesday.

WICKHAM MARKET ELECTORS AND THE NEW ACT.

A public meeting was called by the County Councillor of the district, Mr. W. N. Whitmore, on Tuesday evening, to make previous arrangements if possible so as to avoid an election.—Mr. Minter said an election would probably cost £20, and he thought that if six working men, three landlords, three tradesmen, and one professional man were elected it would be a fair representation and save expense.—Mr. Rackham seconded this, and it was carried.—Dr. Brodie said that politics and class interests should be sunk, and that only capable men of administrative ability should be chosen.—The meeting was adjourned without choosing candidates till after the parish meeting.—A meeting a few days ago chose a committee to select 13 candidates for the Parish Council. This Committee presented their report to a working men's meeting on Monday, when nine were selected for nomination, viz., Messrs. E. Burch, G. Denny, Wm. Finch, J. W. Freeman, Jno. Glanfield, E. A. Gower, J. A. Gower, S. Moss, and P. Rackham. Messrs. H. Roe and F. Dale were chosen as nominees for the District Council.

CANDIDATES FOR HARLESTON.

The Committee appointed last week at Harleston to select a number of suitable candidates met at the Committee-room on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Mr. Sancroft Holmes. Nearly 50 names were handed in, and the voting shewed the following to be the 15 selected:—Archdeacon Perowne, and Messrs. Sancroft Holmes, J. Pipe, W. R. Baillie, C. Candler, J. Patrick, H. Hudson, Robinson, W. J. Robertson, F. A. Parker, R. W. Bond, W. Cordwell, J. Dimmock, J. Keeble, and J. Plato. For District Councillors, Messrs. Holmes, Pipe, Bond, and Baillie were nominated. The list of selected candidates is representative of all classes.

HOLLESLEY.

A public meeting of the electors took place in the Schoolroom on Tuesday evening, to discuss the Parish Council Act. Capt. A. W. Cobbold, C.C., presided, and gave a very lucid explanation of the Act. A mock election took place to show the procedure to be adopted next Tuesday evening.

WORTHAM.

A preliminary meeting was convened by the overseers (Messrs. W. Y. Bishop and S. Witton) in the Long Green Board Schoolroom, respecting the election of members to the Parish Council. Present—Rev. C. C. James, Messrs. T. Cracknell, J. W. Kirby, W. Y. Bishop, E. Youngman, A. Fake, W. C. Scott, H. Jolly, E. Cox, &c.—On the motion of Mr. J. W. Kirby, seconded by Mr. W. Y. Bishop, Mr. T. Cracknell was voted to the chair.—The Rev. C. C. James then proposed that as the meeting was the first of its kind it should be "free and easy." The Chairman concurring, all smokers that wished lit up their pipes and enjoyed the fragrant weed to their heart's content.—Mr. Cracknell explained the Parish Councils Act very lucidly, and the Rev. C. C. James made a few remarks, contrasting the work of the late vestry meetings with the intended Parish Council meetings. Afterwards, with much delay, 23 householders were proposed and seconded as fit and proper persons to be members of the Parish Council — the labourers predominating. A vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman for his services, and the result rests with the meeting to be held on the 4th inst.

METFIELD: PARISH AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS SELECTED.

On Monday a public meeting was held in Metfield Schoolroom to consider the Parish and District Councils Act. There was a large attendance of electors, and the meeting exhibited indications of interest and concord. Mr. F. Betts presided, and Mr. W. C. Pleasants gave an address and answered questions. Messrs. Z. Belton and W. C. Pleasants were chosen as the two District Councillors, and their nomination papers were duly filled in. The nine parish councillors chosen were Messrs. Robert Fisher (farmer), Frederic Betts (grocer, &c.), Samuel Eastaugh (carpenter), Robert King (grocer), William Boast (labourer), Thomas Woolnough (labourer), George Clutterham (carpenter), Reginald Hazell (bricklayer), and W. C. Pleasants (schoolmaster).

MENDHAM.

A meeting was held in Mendham School on Tuesday evening to hear an explanation of the Parish and District Councils Act by Mr. C. W. Chaston. Mr. W. P. Biches, vicar's warden, was, upon the motion of Mr. Punchard, voted to the chair. After Mr. Chaston had delivered an able address, a few observations were made by the Rev. W. H. Harris (vicar of the parish), Mr. Munnings (churchwarden), and others. Nothing was decided as to the selection of candidates.

LEISTON: A BALLOT TAKEN.

The meeting of the Committee appointed to nominate 15 members for the Parish Council was held on Monday, at the Works Hall, Leiston. The chair was taken by Mr. Frank Garrett. Eleven gentlemen declined to offer themselves as candidates for the Parish Council, viz., Messrs. Alock, Baylis, Cornforth, Garnham, Isb. Girling, Harrison, Hodgson, W. Kemp, Kindred, Vale, and Wallis. The following names were then added to the list of candidates:—The Rev. B. W. Raven, Messrs. Mecklenburgh, Prior, Jas. Girling, and G. Calver (agricultural labourer). The Committee then proceeded to ballot for the selection of 15 from the 24 candidates before them, with the following results:—Garrett 27, Sawer 26, Carr 24, Neave 24, Lemon 24, W. H. Borrett 23, Dr. Cooke 23, Snowden 23, Sherwood 21, Harper Martin 19, T. P. Borrett 18, Gibbs 16, Lord 16, Calver 16, and Andrews 15. Messrs. Alcock and Girling having declined, as previously mentioned, to offer themselves as candidates for election, acted, by request, as scrutineers, and they were unanimously appointed by the Committee to prepare and present the nomination papers at the parish meeting to be held on the 4th December. They were also requested to prepare and send in to the returning officer the nominations of the three District Councillors selected by the meeting of parochial electors held on the 12th instant, viz., Messrs. Frank Garrett, jun., Grimsey, and Lemon.

HADLEIGH: DISTRICT COUNCIL CANDIDATES.

An adjourned public meeting for the approval of the names of intended candidates for the Urban District Council took place on Wednesday evening in the British School. Mr. C. J. Hood presided, and opened the meeting by reading the names of the candidates selected by the Committee by ballot. These were Messrs. W. H. Budd, G. C. King, J. Smith, C. J. Parker, C. J. Hood, R. H. Cook, C. Reichter, Rev. A. Morling, and W. E. Ffennell. Mr. W. H. Budd proposed to extend the list to 12. This was agreed to, and the names of Messrs. J. Muriel, John Allen, and — Goodman were added to the list. It is understood that the whole of the above, with the exception of Mr. R. H. Cook, who claims an independent position, will run as a progressive party. The names of Mrs. Kettle and the Rev. A. Morling were approved as suitable persons to nominate as guardians. A vote of thanks to Mr. Hood for presiding was proposed by the Rev. C. Oliver and carried.

WALTON.

On Monday evening a large meeting was held in the Board School, Mr. S. R. Durrant being in the chair. Mr. J. S. Allport delivered an explanatory lecture on the new Urban District Councils Act, and subsequently answered several queries. A vote of thanks to Mr. Allport and Mr. Durrant terminated the meeting.

ORFORD.

A meeting of agricultural labourers took place in the Schoolroom to select four labourers for the Parish Council, as agreed at a previous meeting. Mr. W. Whayman presided. Mr. T. Ling thought the labourers should be represented by six, so that they might have a majority to carry anything they wished; the tradespeople must be kept off because they would vote for the landlords. Mr. Sam Smy thought four was a good number, and hoped the "big ones" would come forward, for the thing could not be carried on without their support. For the first time politics were introduced into the meeting, and happily on Radical opinions, the Conservatives knowing better, and both sides regretting the occurrence. Mr. T. Ling contended that in return for Parish Councils the Liberals should be supported in carrying Home Rule. This met with a stern reply from the company, and was suppressed by the Chairman. Six, however, were elected, viz. Mr. Wm. Whayman (Newton), Mr. T. Ling, Mr. H. Ling, Mr. W. Cook, Mr. G. Randall, and Mr. Jas. Knights. We learn, on good authority, that some of these will withdraw.

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EAST SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL.

THREE MONTHS' WORK.

A large amount of miscellaneous business, but raising no very important questions, was transacted at the quarterly meeting of the East Suffolk County Council in Ipswich, on Tuesday. Lord Henniker presided, and there were also present:—The Vice-Chairman (Alderman H. Buxton), Aldermen Col. R. H. Lloyd-Anstruther, A. M. Bernard, Herman Biddell, R. L. Everett, M.P., F. Garrett, Rev. J. F. A. Hervey, T. Lomax, W. P. T. Phillips, A. C. Pretyman, Lord Rendlesham, T. H. Tacon; Councillors H. Abbott, A. Adams, T. P. Borrett, C. W. Biden, Col. A. Bloomfield, B. M. Bradbeer, J. K. Brooke, F. T. W. Burch, T. Carthew, A. W. Cobbold, H. Cooper, H. W. Cullum, E. Deck, E. J. Fairbrother, G. Fiske, J. Flintham, Rev. T. L. French, G. H. Garrett, A. Harwood, H. F. Harwood, S. T. Harwood, R. E. Haward, J. A. Hempson, Major-General W. H. Hessey, C. Marriott, Rev. H. S. Marriott, R. Newstead, W. Short, W. Short, J. A. Smith, Rev. C. J. Steward, the Earl of Stradbroke, R. H. Tidswell, William Toller, W. N. Weller, W. N. Whitmore, and H. W. Wightman. A letter from Mr. Cherry formally appointing Mr. A. T. Cobbold to be his deputy as Clerk of the Peace and clerk of the County Council, in place of Mr. Sterling Westhorp, was not allowed by the Chairman to pass without a hearty tribute to Mr. Westhorp's work and worth. He had (said Lord Henniker) taken the greatest possible care and trouble in bringing the Local Government Act into force, and it was to be feared that his labours in that direction had had something to do with his serious illness. They could only hope that he had retired in time so that he might be spared many years of happiness. They were glad that Mr. Cherry's choice had fallen on Mr. Cobbold, who had been most careful and correct in all his advice, and unceasing in his labours.—The next matter was the election of an Alderman in place of the late Mr. Manfred Biddell, and the Chairman took the opportunity of voicing the regret felt by the Council at the death of that gentleman, who was respected throughout the county for the work he had done and the good sense he had shown in doing it.—Alderman Herman Biddell briefly returned thanks, and said he should have great satisfaction in conveying the expression of sympathy to the family.—Voting papers were then distributed with the result that 24 votes were recorded for the Rev. C. J. Steward, seven for Sir W. B. Gurdon, and four for Mr. F. S. Stevenson, M.P. Mr. Steward

WAS DECLARED ELECTED,

and Mr. T. P. Borrett was appointed on the Joint Committee in place of Mr. Manfred Biddell. The Finance Committee recommended that the rates for the coming six months be: General purposes 2d., police (except in the Lowestoft area) 1d., Lowestoft police 1½d.—Alderman A. C. Pretyman, chairman of the Committee, expressed his deep regret that it was necessary to ask for a twopenny rate instead of one of 1½d., and gave figures to show that the increase could not be avoided.—Alderman Tacon, seconding the motion, pointed out that in the last four years the increased expenditure on roads and bridges had been equal to the proceeds of a threepenny rate, and that, with a declining income, the expenditure under other headings was now going up. At the same time he claimed that the various committees had been most careful in their outlay, and Mr. A. C. Pretyman as their chancellor of the exchequer had done an untold amount of work in the general management of their finances. On the report of the Roads and Bridges Committee a discussion was raised on a proposal for kerbing footpaths in Wickham Market Street, at a cost of £28, on condition that half was defrayed by the inhabitants.—Mr. Whitmore moved that the matter be referred back to the Committee in the hope that they would do all the work. The County Council had entire control of the main roads, and the result in wickham Market had been that while the roads had been improved the paths had been allowed to get worse. The people had no power to raise a rate, and it was rather hard when they paid to the general rate that they should be called upon to make voluntary contributions.—The Rev. J. F. A. Harvey seconded the motion on the ground that if the work was required the county should pay for the whole, and if it were not really required it should pay for none.—Alderman Biddell thought that if they kerbed the paths at Wickham Market,

STOWMARKET AND OTHER PLACES

would have a word to say.—Lord Rendlesham, the chairman of the Committee, was willing that the matter should be again considered, and Lord Henniker was in favour of referring the matter back for another reason.—According to the decision in the Warminster case the sides of the main roads must be maintained by the County Council, but the Derbyshire County Council were endeavouring to see that decision reversed.—Twenty-nine members voted for Mr. Whitmore's proposition, and fourteen against.—Mr. Adam Adams made an appeal to the Technical Instruction Committee for an increased grant to Lowestoft. The original grant of £300 a year was based on the assessment of the borough, and since it was fixed the assessment had greatly increased. He admitted that in past years the local committee had not spent all their grant, but said that the classes which they had arranged for the coming spring would more than take up the grant.—The Rev. J. F. A. Hervey, on behalf of the County Technical Instruction Committee, promised that their decision should be reconsidered if the local Committee would send in an estimate of the work they intended to carry out in future.—The special Committee appointed under the Local Government Act presented their report, recommending that no alteration be made in the scale of expenses of elections, which was adopted at the meeting on the 13th inst. Upon this subject a large quantity of correspondence was read. The Clerk to the Hartismere Union (Mr. John Bond)

DECLINED TO ACT AS RETURNING OFFICER,

but the Clerks to the other Unions accepted the position of returning officer for their respective Unions under protest.—An order was read from the Local Government Board prescribing rules for polls consequent on parish meetings in parishes not entitled to elect a Parish Council.—The Chairman said the County Council Committee had drawn up no scale of expenses for polls in these cases, but they had for all the rest. Thus it would be seen there would be a complete scale, and no clashing.—Ald. Lomax remarked that in parishes with a population under 300 the Chairman of the parish meeting was returning officer, so that the Clerks to the Guardians were not affected by the scale now received from London.—The Clerk to the Hartismere Union wrote that upon his decling to act as returning officer for his Union on the scale laid down, his Board advertised for a returning officer, and received one application. When, however, the applicant learnt the scale, he declined to act.—The Deputy Clerk said that upon receiving Mr. Bond's letter, he wrote reminding that the responsibility of finding a returning officer devolved on the Board, and the Clerk had informed him in a private note that he had in an unofficial capacity forwarded nomination papers to the Overseer, so that no delay should occur.—Mr. W. Short said he had applied to the Overseer at Wickham for nomination papers, but could not get any, the Overseer saying that he had been supplied with only five. This matter caused serious inconvenience.—Mr. Newstead declared that the Hartismere Guardians had done everything they possibly could to obtain the services of a gentleman as returning officer, but they could not get one to act unless they guaranteed him £10 in addition to the money allowed by the scale, and the Hartismere Guardians were too poor to pay that out of their own pockets. (Laughter).—The Chairman observed that it was too late now to make any alteration in the scale of fees, but if the Clerks to the Guardians suffered any loss, he gathered from the Deputy Clerk to the Council it was not unlikely that the District Councils might be able to recoup them. If the Guardians of the Hartismere Union failed to do their duty it would devolve upon the County Council to take the matter up, appoint a returning officer, and see that the elections were properly carried out,

CHARGING THE EXPENSE TO THE UNION.

They could not, however, take up the subject until after the Board had failed to do their duty, and they could not be held to have failed to do their duty until after December 4th.—On the motion of the Chairman, the powers of the County Council under the Local Government Act were delegated to the Committee which had hitherto had the framing of the rules, and it was left to them to take any action necessary.—Mr. T. P. Borrett, in pursuance with notice, moved a resolution to relieve Mr. Frank Garrett (a candidate for the Leiston Parish Council) from the disqualification attaching to him from his interest in the Gas Company. It was, he said, very important that Mr. Garrett should be on the Parish Council, and at a meeting held a fortnight since, he was requested by a unanimous vote to place his services at their disposal.—Mr. Hempson seconded the motion.—Mr. H. Abbott, of Debenham, said there were three persons in Debenham who were similarly situated, and Mr. Smith said that unless they granted relief in this matter, Mr. W. N. Whitmore, who would be most useful on the Wickham Market Council, would be debarred from acting.—The Chairman pointed out that these cases could not be brought up then as no notice had been given of them, but they might be brought before the Committee to whom the Council had delegated its powers under the Local Government Act.—Mr. Deck moved that Mr. Garrett's case be referred to them, but the Chairman and others thought the reference in this case unnecessary, as Mr. Borrett had made a full statement, and notice of motion had been given. Fourteen voted for referring the case to the Committee; thirty against. The resolution to grant Mr. Garrett relief was then granted *nem. con.* It was understood that before nomination day the Committee would have a meeting to consider any other cases.—Mr. Adams hoped the Committee would be very careful in this matter, as questions of lighting and the supply of water would come before the Parish Councils, and it was desirable they should act independently.—The Chairman assured Mr. Adams that each application would be carefully considered before it was acceded to.—Rev. J. A. Smith moved that the

BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER FYNN,

near the Railway Station at Little Bealings, be accepted as a county bridge, and that the question of the improvement of the bridge and its approaches, and the re-opening of the adjoining watering-place, be referred to the Roads and Bridges Committee. He produced bills, which he submitted showed clearly that the late County Surveyor had repaired the bridge, and that therefore it was a county bridge, although it did not appear in the list.—Mr. W. N. Waller seconded the motion, but Lord Rendlesham, Alderman Lomax, and Mr. Charles Marriott reminded the Council that so far the evidence as to the bridge being a county one had not been conclusive, and eventually Mr. Smith agreed that the matter should be referred to the Roads and Bridges Committee.

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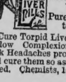

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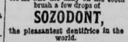
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WOMAN'S WAYS AND WORK.

The Queen has sent the Mayor of Windsor, Minor Canon Marshall, of St. George's Chapel, and the Rev. G. D. Nicholas, of St. Stephen's, Clewer, a number of shawls and blankets which she has bought for distribution among the poor sufferers from the floods in the neighbourhood. The fund started by the Mayor of Windsor in aid of the distressed has been well subscribed to and the sum obtained amounts to over £600. The Eton boys were to return to school to-day, December 1st.

The marriage of the Czar took place on Monday with as much pomp and ceremony as circumstances would allow. The bride, say the papers, looked every inch an Empress. She was dressed in pure white; on her head was a grand ducal crown. The Imperial mantle of cloth of gold, lined with ermine, was clasped across her breast by a jewelled buckle, and thrown back over her shoulders. Her train, four yards long, was carried by four Lords in Waiting. The Czar wore a scarlet tunic, and the sky blue ribbon of the order of St. Andrew.

The widowed Czarina was simply dressed in white with a tiara of diamonds. The Imperial ladies wore the old Russian Court dress of white with diamonds and *Kokoshkas* or caps embroidered with pearls. The Maids of Honour also wore the old Russian Court dress of ruby velvet with a species of cap or crown called the *Kachochnik*, also of ruby velvet embroidered with pearls, and from which depended behind a long white veil reaching to the ground. All signs of mourning were put aside for the day, and the dresses of the guests formed a brilliant mass of colour.

From the moment when the Czar and Princess Alix stepped upon the piece of rose-coloured silk at the commencement of the marriage service until the end thereof, the whole was a solemn and striking ceremonial. Along the route taken by the Royal pair as they drove from the Winter Palace where the marriage took place to the Anitchkoff Palace, extraordinary enthusiasm was shown, and many windows of the houses were open and filled with happy spectators, this being the first time the inhabitants of St. Petersburg have been allowed to open their windows upon such an occasion.

On their way to the Anitchkoff Palace the Emperor and Empress stopped at the Cathedral, where a special thanksgiving service was held. On their departure from the Cathedral the sun burst through the clouds and shone brilliantly, a happy augury for the future of the young Empress according to the old adage "Happy the bride the sun shines upon."

To-day is the birthday of the Princess of Wales, and heartily we wish her many happy returns thereof, sincerely hoping that the sable cloud of sorrow that of late has hung over her may "turn its silver lining on her night," and our Princess "look forth expecting happier days to come." Moore's lines we feel sure express the wish of every true-hearted English woman for H.R.H., namely, that

"No cloud should ever shade *her* sky,
No thorns along *her* pathway lie,
But all be sunshine, peace and love."

Mrs. Bishop (Isabella Bird) has reached Chefoo. "Unbeaten tracks in China" will be the name of her next book, which is likely to prove interesting reading.

In the *Lady* of November 22nd, is an interesting article upon "Chinese Girls." From it we learn that women in China are at a discount. "The entrance of a Chinese baby-girl into the world," says the writer of the article, "is greeted with much the same degree of enthusiasm as that with which the advent of seven or eight kittens is welcomed in a house already well-furnished with cats, and often—alas! that it should be so!—babies and kittens meet with the same watery fate."

The principal reason why girls are so little accounted of in China is that boys only can perform certain funeral rites by which the souls of their parents are insured a safe and easy passage into the next world. Chinese girls of the upper classes are allowed very little liberty, and are taught little else besides cooking and embroidery. They are married as soon as possible and have as a rule no choice as regards their future husbands. "If a Chinese girl does no harm," say the Chinese, "it is enough; you cannot expect her to be either good or useful."

Occasionally it seems, according to Professor Douglas's amusing book, "Chinese Stories," the girls of China revolt, and we certainly feel that in their case a "revolted daughter" would meet with our sympathy. Perhaps the present discomfiture of the Chinese may lead them to see that they are not invincible or omniscient, and may make them more ready to bring themselves into contact with other peoples, and thus their social life may become more enlightened.

Professor Douglas, who wrote the above-mentioned book, is head of the Chinese department at the British Museum, and is thoroughly up in the subject upon which he writes. Now that China is so much occupying the thoughts of the world, it is worth while to read any book that throws light upon the social life of those curious people.

We think Mr. Manby is right when he says that the custom of tips is a difficult one in which to make any radical change. That there should be a fixed ratio is one suggestion towards meeting the difficulty, and a sensible one, too, in theory, but we fear difficult to bring into practice. What hostess would like to be the first in putting a tariff of "tips" in her guestchamber?

On Monday a conference of women was held at the Holborn Town Hall, under the auspices of the Women's Trade Union Association for the purpose of considering the general conditions under which women work, either at home or in factories, in the Metropolis. The resolution was passed "That in the opinion of this Conference it is desirable that a central committee be established to organise special and systematic inquiry into the conditions of working women to provide accurate information concerning those interests, and to promote such action as may seem conducive to their improvement."

A deputation of medical men has lately visited the Home Secretary in order to ask him to put further restrictions upon the labours of married women. Miss Ada Heather Bigg, hon. sec. of the Women's Industrial Defence Committee, writes to the *Times* anent the above deputation, saying that though Mr. Asquith spoke the saddest truth when he said that in many cases the mother was the bread winner, yet, as long as there are men who for some reason are incapacitated from providing for wife and family it would be the greatest cruelty to pas any law which would prevent the wife and mother from, by her own exertions, securing for her family the ordinary necessities of life.

"The last of the months, severest of all," chill December has come, and though so far we have escaped any severe cold, we cannot expect a long continuance of a like immunity. But, like Derry-down-Derry, we can afford to laugh at December's terrors and say he may "rage o'er ocean and hill" if we are only provided with warm garments wherein to withstand his icy blast. The most comfortable garment for home wear on a winter's evening is no doubt the tea-gown, which can be made to combine warmth with smartness. The tea-gown is indeed legion; no one ought to find it difficult to procure one to suit either purse or person.

The *Gentlewoman* has recently offered a prize for the best original design of a tea-gown by an amateur; and published in its issue of November 17th all the most praiseworthy designs sent in. We will briefly describe a few of these tea-gowns for the benefit of our readers.

A Sicilienne silk tea-gown in soft mouse shade, with removable yoke of pale shrimp pink silk crepe, the same pink crepe showing in front of the skirt, which is draped slightly at the waist under a mouse velvet rosette, a frill of deep cream lace round the yoke. Another is a tight-fitting pink silk under-dress, with a yoke covered with light passementerie. From the yoke falls a full over-dress, straight to the feet, of some transparent material; the over-sleeves are of the same material over silk, and tie into a ruffle at the wrist. A large round bow of black satin ribbon is placed at left corner of the yoke and has long ends falling to the feet.

A princess gown of petunia velvet or velveteen turns back with large pointed white brocade revers to show a little chimesette of pleated white chiffon. The front, revers, and bottom of dress are edged with fur. The huge sleeves have long turned-back cuffs of brocade, and below to wrist is pleated chiffon. Three large paste buttons fasten the dress at the waist and also near the edge of the skirt. An effective yet simple gown is of red accordion pleated *crêpe de Chine* with Zouave, and elbow sleeves of black velvet edged with jet; it is fastened across the chest with festoons of jet.

CLELIA.

SALT FOR THE INSANE.

"Dr. Carlo Sanquirici, of Sienna, has made a discovery," says *Science Siftings*, "which, if the results prove as successful as he hopes, will revolutionise the treatment of some forms of mental disease. Two sets of animals were poisoned with the same doses of strychnine, chloral, alcohol, aconitine, paraldehyde, caffeine, and urethane. Into one set was injected a saline solution amounting in quantity to eight per cent. of each animal's weight. The other set was untreated. The results were remarkable. The animals into which the saline solution had been injected all survived, but the others all died, thus showing that vegetable alkaloids can be diluted and washed out of the system before their toxic effect is complete. Dr. George F. Keene has taken advantage of this interesting experiment. He uses a salt solution subcutaneously in large quantities (not less than two quarts daily) for the systematic treatment of those forms of insanity believed to be of somatic origin, or in other words, due to auto-infection or intoxication. So far, he has only treated one case, but he states that the improvement has been so marked that there is great ground for encouragement. The solution used was a sterilised, blood-warm, physiological saline solution ($NaCl$, 0·73 per cent.). The patient was a single woman aged 33 years, with religious melancholia. She refused food and had lately entertained ideas of suicide. One quart of the solution was introduced subcutaneously night and morning, until 15 quarts had been used. The improvement was marked and immediate."

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ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT BY A DEACON.

Considerable excitement has been caused in Trowbridge by the arrest of James Bishop, a tradesman, who until recently was also senior deacon at Bethesda Baptist Chapel, and the senior superintendent in the Sunday school, and leader of the Band of Hope. On Wednesday he was brought before the magistrates charged with embezzling £58 8s. 3½d., the money of the local co-operative sick society, of which he was treasurer. The case was fully gone into, and a letter written by the prisoner to the committee was read, in which he expressed sorrow for what had occurred, admitting applying the money to his own business, and offering to pay every member his dividend as time "rolled on." The accused was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions.

NEXT YEAR'S SUFFOLK SHOW.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF.

The Suffolk Agricultural Association recently passed a resolution suggesting the desirability of holding their 1895 show at Saxmundham, and deputing Messrs. J. Flintham, A. J. Smith, and S. R. Sherwood to make arrangements with the local committee as to terms, &c. In view of this decision Messrs. H. A. Collins and R. C. Mayhew, the churchwardens, on Wednesday evening, convened a public meeting in the Market Hall to discuss the proposal. There was a large audience present, over which the newly-elected President of the Association (Lord Stradbroke) presided. His Lordship, in introducing the subject, said he understood that it was the wish of the residents of the town and neighbourhood to entertain the Association, and to give it as hearty a welcome as possible. It was 18 years since the Suffolk Agricultural Show was last held at Saxmundham; it was a successful meeting, and it was to be hoped that generous support would be forthcoming for next year's show, so that a number of prizes might be offered which were worth winning.—Mr. Robt. Flick said he was approached some time ago to ask if he would go as a deputation to invite the Association to come to Saxmundham. He declined to do that, having regard to what took place 19 years ago, when the last visit was made, but he at the same time said that if the Society was good enough to come back and honour the town by a visit,

AS A CHILD SHOULD HONOUR ITS PARENT,

—it might be mentioned that the Society was born at Saxmundham and Wickham Market, and held its shows alternately in those localities a good many years—he should be glad to do what he could for the Association. He was very glad that the Society had resolved to come back to Saxmundham, and he was sure one and all would do what they could to give it a hearty welcome. Saxmundham was very central, and he had little doubt that Mr. W. Long would, with the usual generosity of the family, be good enough to place at their disposal the site which had been at their disposal on previous occasions. (Applause.) He (Mr. Flick) was 19 years older than when he undertook the secretarial duties, but on that occasion they raised £550 or £560. He was afraid the times were not quite so rosy as they were then, and they could hardly hope to raise as much now, but they would endeavour to give the Society a worthy reception. He proposed, "That the inhabitants of Saxmundham and the neighbourhood, having understood that the Suffolk Agricultural Association would hold their show there in 1895, resolve to give them a most hearty welcome."—Mr. R. C. Mayhew seconded. He remembered the last show in that town, and he was sure it might be said that whatever Saxmundham undertook to do it

DID IT THOROUGHLY.

—Mr. H. Abdy Collins, as co-churchwarden with Mr. Mayhew, supported.—Mr. Flick said he could remember the time when the Show was held on the Bell bowling-green.—Mr. Joseph Flintham also supported the resolution, observing that some little amusement appeared to have been caused because it was said that it would be necessary to approach the churchwardens, but he mentioned that in the case of a place blessed with no Mayor, no Local Board, and no local authority—(laughter)—he (Mr. Flintham) should be happy to do all he could to make the show a success.—The motion was carried unanimously.—The following gentlemen were appointed the committee, with power to add to their number:—Lord Stradbroke, Messrs. Robert Flick (vice-chairman), R. C. Mayhew, Major Collins, Major Fry, Messrs. Woodward, W. Long, J. Martin Long, Hayward, Churchyard, Roe, Flintham, James Toller, Frank Garrett, Borrett, S. R. Sherwood, George Pettit, G. Garrett, Capt. Price, R.N., Messrs. Arthur Pratt, A. Lewin, A. Rope, S. Flick, jun., E. A. Cook, T. Cracknell, W. N. Whitmore, and Wm. Toller.—Mr. Collins said he had seen the agent to the Hurts Hall Estate, who said that Mr. W. Long had written to say that in the event of its being decided to hold the Show at Saxmundham, he would come back and do all he could to

PROMOTE ITS SUCCESS.

(Applause.)—Mr. Flintham proposed Mr. S. Flick, jun., as hon. sec. and treasurer.—Several gentlemen rose to second the proposition, which was carried unanimously.—On the motion of Mr. Flintham, seconded by Mr. S. R. Sherwood, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Lord Stradbroke for presiding, and his Lordship, in acknowledgment, remarked that history repeated itself. The last time the Show was held at Saxmundham his father was president, and Mr. Robt. Flick, hon. secretary. "Now," added his Lordship, "I have been honoured by being president, and Mr. Flick's son hon. secretary." (Applause.)

IS OBESITY THE RESULT OF RICH DIET?

Fat begins to accumulate as soon as the system has attained its full development, and will go on increasing, if not checked, until the decline of life; then it ought again to decrease. Independently of the importance of fat as a non-conducting substance in impeding the too rapid escape of animal heat, it may be regarded as a store of material to compensate for waste of tissue under sickness or other circumstances entailing temporary abstinence from food. Most writers consider that obesity is promoted by a rich dietary, corporeal inactivity, tranquility of mind, &c.; and, although admitting these to be conducive to the formation of fat, I am of opinion, writes Mr. F. C. Russell, the eminent specialist on "Corpulency and the Cure" (256 pages), which is the title of a book now going through the press with the eighteenth edition, that obesity arising from such causes solely is comparatively rare. There is a diseased state of the system which independently of all these influences will increase the production and deposition of fat. We are of this gentleman's opinion. Mr. Russell, however, does not leave his readers who suffer from obesity "in the lurch," for he prescribes a remedy, and a most effectual one too, consisting solely of herbs, which do not contain a particle of any deleterious ingredient, and yet he can reduce a person's weight from 2lbs. to even 10lbs. a week without having to swallow nauseous physic or resort to drastic measures. This successful combination of vegetable extracts was not obtained without considerable research and painstaking investigation. It is rather pleasant to take, three small doses will in many instances reduce from 1lb. to 3lbs. in the short space of twenty-four hours. However, the cost of the book is only four stamps, and can be obtained direct from Mr. Russell, Woburn House, Store Street, London, W.C. There are matters highly interesting to stout persons to be gleaned from his book, also hundreds of letters (reprinted) from persons describing the particulars and various fluctuating weights after taking so much of the compound. These are not the ordinary stereotyped sort of quack testimonial, but really from intelligent persons who can certify to the extraordinary results of the medicine, in many cases to invite public attention to the marked effects demonstrated.

The following are extracts from other journals

GOOD NEWS FOR STOUT PERSONS.

It does not follow that a person need to be the size of Sir John Falstaff to show that he is unhealthily fat. According to a person's height so should his weight correspond, and this standard has been prepared by Mr. F. C. Russell, of Woburn House, Store Street, Bedford Square, London, W.C., so that anyone can see at a glance whether or not he is too stout. People in the past have been wont to regard fatness as constitutional, and something to be laughed at rather than to be prescribed for seriously; but this is evidently an error, as persons whose mode of life has caused a certain excess of flesh require treating for the cause of that excess, not by merely stopping further increase, but by removing the cause itself. It is marvellous how this "Pasteur" and "Koch" of English discoverers can actually reduce as much as 14 lb. in seven days with a simple herbal remedy. His book (256 pages) only costs 6d., and he is quite willing to afford all information to those sending as above. It is really well worth reading.—*Forget-me-Not.*

HOW TO BECOME THIN AND WELL.

Mr. F. Cecil Russell, of Woburn House, 27, Store Street, Bedford Square, London, W.C., has issued a very useful book (256 pages) on this subject. It deals with the origin of fat, shows the dangers of an excess of fat, and discusses the numerous remedies hitherto adopted for reducing fat. The book, which is well worth reading, contains a large number of testimonials from persons who have benefited by Mr. Russell's process. It is now in the press for the seventeenth edition. Its cost is only 6d. stamps. It is most extraordinary how he has quite exploded the theories of the medical profession. He claims that as a person becomes more healthy under his treatment he requires more food, yet his weight is being reduced sometimes at the rate of 10lb. a week on botanical preparations only. Our great Continental therapeutical "big-wigs" will have to look to their laurels in earnest.—*Salisbury Times.*

A POSITIVE REMEDY FOR CORPULENCE.

Any remedy that can be suggested as a cure or alleviation for stoutness will be heartily welcomed. We have recently received a well-written book, the author of which seems to know what he is talking about. It is entitled "Corpulency, and the Cure" (256 pages), and is a cheap issue (only 6d.), published by Mr. F. C. Russell, of Woburn House, Store Street, Bedford Square, London, W.C. Our space will not do justice to this book; send for it yourself. It appears that Mr. Russell has submitted all kinds of proofs to the English press. The editor of the *Tablet*, the Catholic organ, writes:—"Mr. Russell does not give us the slightest loophole for a doubt as to the value of his cure; for in the most straightforward and matter-of-fact manner he submitted some hundreds of original and unsolicited testimonial letters for our perusal, and offered us plenty more, if required. To assist him to make this remedy known, we think we cannot do better than publish quotations from some of the letters submitted. The first one, a marchioness, writes from Madrid:—'My Son, Count ——, has reduced his weight in twenty-two days 16 kilos, *i.e.* 34lb.' Another writes: 'So far (six weeks from commencement of following your system) I have lost fully two stone in weight.' The next (a lady) writes: 'I am just half the size.' A fourth: 'I find it is successful in my case. I have lost 8lb. in weight since I commenced (two weeks).' Another writes: 'A reduction of 18lb. in a month is a great success.' A lady from Bournemouth writes: 'I feel much better, have less difficulty in breathing, and can walk about.' Again a lady says:—'It reduced me considerably not only in the body but all over.'" The author is very positive. He says: "Step on a weighing machine on Monday morning and again on Tuesday, and I can guarantee that you have lost 2lb. in weight without the slightest harm, and vast improvement in health through ridding the system of unhealthy accumulations."—*Cork Herald.*

CITIES RUINED BY EARTHQUAKE.

Fuller news of the series of earthquake shocks felt nearly all over Argentina on the evening of 27th October have just been received at Southampton. The main shocks were in San Juan and Rioja. Both cities were left in ruins, and the movement spread to the confines of the Republic. In San Juan the Government House, churches, theatres, schools, and private houses crumbled away, filling the streets with *débris*. One of the cathedral towers fell with an awful crash. The panic was indescribable. It is impossible to ascertain who were the people injured, but at least 50 must have been killed. Relief parties are digging bodies from the ruins, and consternation is stamped on the entire province. In the country districts water and sand are pouring out of the numerous rents in the earth's surface. At Rioja the shock was terrible, the earth shaking for 26 seconds consecutively, and houses fell in every direction. The sight was appalling. The panic-stricken inhabitants rushed madly to the Plazas. Luckily the number of victims was small, owing to the fact that the shock occurred in the afternoon, otherwise one would have to count the killed by thousands. The entire population passed the night in open ground.

WHAT AN INTERVIEW IS.

A LESSON ON JOURNALISM.

The interview is a modern contrivance, invented with the object of enabling a newspaper to ascertain exact facts at first hand, without possibility of error. An accredited representative of the newspaper calls at the house of anyone who has a remarkable experience to relate, and takes down an exact statement of the case. For instance, here is a very good example of an "Interview" from the *Bridgwater Mercury*, a well-known and powerful newspaper.

A reporter of the *Mercury* recently interviewed Mrs. Wheadon, of Boroughbridge, near Bridgwater, a very intelligent lady, who expressed herself perfectly willing to give him the information he wanted, hoping that it might be the means of doing good.

"My little girl, Emily," she said, "is now in her ninth year. Ever since she was vaccinated at eight months old, she had been a very delicate child, and given us no end of trouble. I had three doctors for her, and they said she was suffering from consumption of the bowels and enlarged glands. The doctors thought she would never recover. She had no appetite and no colour, and was always tired. We tried all kind of remedies. One day I happened to read in a newspaper about a child who lay near to death—its death indeed hourly expected—but who had been saved at the last moment, when all hope was abandoned, by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and I determined to give them a trial. To my great delight, in three days the child's health had visibly improved. Her appetite increased, her cheeks got a colour, and she became as lively and playful as other children. She is a rosy-cheeked little maid now, and I have not had a doctor for her since. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills saved my little girl's life."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are a perfect blood builder and nerve restorer, curing such diseases as rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, partial paralysis, locomotor ataxy, St. Vitus' dance, nervous headache, nervous prostration, and the tired feeling resulting therefrom, diseases depending upon humours in the blood, such as scrofula, erysipelas, &c. They are not a purgative like other pills, and may be safely used by the most delicate; they restore pale and sallow complexions to the glow of health, and are a specific for the troubles of the female sex, while in the case of men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, overwork, or excesses of whatever nature.

These Pills are manufactured by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, of 46, Holborn Viaduct, London, and are sold by chemists everywhere, but it is essential that the true remedy be secured, and to do this the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" must be seen on the pink wrapper. Pills sold loose or by the dozen or hundred are not of Dr. Williams' formula, which cannot be imitated or reproduced by retailers. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold at 2s. 9d. a box, or six boxes for 13s. 9d., and may be had direct by post from the Company at these prices.

MARKETS.

IPSWICH CORN, Tuesday.—Wheat, with a rather liberal supply, was weak, at 1s. per qr. less money; reds 21s. to 23s., whites 22s. to 25s., rivets 17s. to 20s. 6d. per 504 lbs. Barley in moderate supply, with a steady trade for fine parcels, at 30s. to 38s.; useful malting parcels steady, at 22s. to 28s.; no particular change in the trade for low, discoloured descriptions, except that the maltsters pay a little more attention to them if the grain is sizeable and well shaped; foreign grinding sorts slow, Azov and Odessa quoted at 13s. 6d. to 14s. 6d. per 400 lbs. Oats steady, at last week's prices. Maize small trade, but steady; Galatz-Foxanian 23s. 6d. per qr. Other feeding corns firm, with some improvement in the demand. Feeding stuffs unchanged in value.

IPSWICH CATTLE, Tuesday.—Mr. Alfred Preston sold by auction a consignment of 312 hoggets; 132 half-breds from Mr. Samuel Jeffreson made from 42s. to 32s., 90 from Mr. E Moore made an average of 38s. 9d., others made from 32s. to 26s.—At Messrs. Spurling and Sons' Sale Yard there was a good show of home-fed cattle on offer. For the very primest there was a sharp trade, and buyers were eager to secure them; cattle not quite so well finished, and the rougher sorts met a slow, dragging trade, caused doubtless in great part by the stringent restrictions in force which shut out all the West Suffolk and Cambridgeshire buyers, and which, if persisted in, threaten to completely paralyse the trade. Well-finished beasts from Mr. A. Harwood made £25 15s. and £23 10s.; Mr. B. A. Posford £25 5s., Mr. Spencer Dawson £24 10s., Captain Pretyman £23 10s. Very neat heifers from Mr. Robinson £21 5s. to £23 15s. There was a good supply of sheep, and here again the trade was considerably hampered by the restrictions, and prices had a downward tendency. Hoggets were shown in rather larger numbers, and trade was in buyers' favour. Shearlings from C. H. Berners, Esq., made up to 65s. 6d., Mr. S. Dawson 62s. 6d.; hoggets from Mr. J. Symonds up to 52s. 6d., Mr. H. W. Packard 52s. There was a large show of fat swine; trade was no worse, and if any alteration may be quoted, a trifle better than last Tuesday. Good stover £4 per ton, hay £3, mangolds 12s. to 14s. Numbers penned—96 fat beasts, 272 sheep, 325 swine.—Messrs. Robert Bond and Sons report a good supply of stall-fed cattle; there was good competition for the best qualities at late rates, but the trade for secondary sorts was slow, and prices were lower. Fat sheep sold freely, and prices were firm; grazing sheep were in demand, half-bred hoggets making 34s. 6d., Southdown wethers 28s. Fat calves and sucklers met a good trade at satisfactory prices; a large supply of fat and store swine, which were dull and cheaper. There were more buyers at market for grazing cattle, which were a trifle dearer. Shorthorn steers, 18 months old, made from £9 2s. 6d. to £18 15s., yearlings from £6 12s. 6d. to £5 5s., others from £4 17s. 6d. to £4 5s. A few cows were penned, for which there was a fair demand. Numbers at sale—Beasts 132, calves 18, sheep 228, swine 397.

HARLESTON CORN, Wednesday.—Wheat slow, rather cheaper, larger supply. Barley, oats, maize, beans, and peas no alteration, but better demand for feeding stuffs.

SAXMUNDHAM CORN, Wednesday.—Wheats had rather a downward tendency. Barley trade disheartening. Feeding stuffs firm.

BUNGAY CORN, Thursday.—Fair attendance; business quiet and inactive. Wheat a trifle easier. Other sorts unaltered.

STOWMARKET CORN, Thursday.—Wheat in small supply; trade quiet, at 1s. per qr. less money on the week; reds 20s. to 22s., whites 21s. to 23s. per qr. Barley supply moderate; no change in values. Feeding corns quiet.

BURY CORN, Wednesday.—Wheat: There was a large supply in good average condition, and with some pressure to sell the trade was slow at 1s. per qr. reduction; reds 19s. 6d. to 21s. 6d., whites 20s. to 23s., rivets 17s. to 19s. per 504 lbs. Barley in average supply with a steady trade for good coloured samples at 28s. up to 39s., useful malting samples 22s. to 28s.; low sorts continue slow; foreign grinding sorts quoted at 14s. 6d. to 15s. per 400 lbs. for Azov and Odessa. Beans, peas, and lentils steady. Maize quiet at 23s. 6d. to 24s. 6d. per qr. Oats in only moderate demand at last week's prices; fair English 17s. to 19s. per qr. Linseed cakes not much improvement in the demand, at £6 15s. to £7 per ton. Cotton cakes the turn lower at £4 12s. 6d. to £4 15s. per ton. Milling stuffs remained quiet.

WOODBRIDGE CORN, Thursday.—Better supplies of wheat and barley this week, though not large. Wheat a rather slow trade to-day with the market in buyer's favour, and save for a fine sample or two, barleys are a somewhat dull sale. Wheat: white, 23s. to 24s. per qr.; red, 21s. to 23s. per qr. Barley: superior, 33s. to 37s. per qr.; seconds 24s. to 32s. per qr.

LONDON AGRICULTURAL SEED TRADE, Wednesday.—Messrs. John Shaw and Sons, seed merchants, of Great Maze Pond, Borough, London, S.E., write that American cables quote red 6d. and alsyke 1s. 6d. dearer. White cloverseed exhibits increasing weakness. No attention is given to trefoil or ryegrasses. A further advance is asked for scarlet runners. Giant haricots keep scarce and strong. Peas are still slow. There is no change in either canary or hempseed. Rapeseed hardens in value. The new Kœnigsburg tares come cheap and good. Linseed is improving. Mustard unaltered.

STRATFORD MARKET, week ending Tuesday.—The supply to this market during the past week has been excellent, and with plenty of buyers a good trade was done at the undermentioned prices:—Cabbages, 1s. to 2s. 6d. per tally; savoys, 1s. to 2s. 6d. per tally; cauliflowers, 9d. to 1s. 6d. per dozen; ditto, 3s. 6d. to 7s. per tally; Brussels sprouts, 6d. to 1s. per half-sieve; ditto, 1s. to 1s. 9d. per bushel; celery, 6d. to 9d. per roll; horse radish, 1s. to 1s. 3d. per bundle; potatoes, Magnums (dark soil), 55s. to 60s. per ton; ditto (light soil), 60s. to 70s. per ton; ditto, Bruce, 60s. to 80s. per ton; ditto, Imperators, 60s. to 80s. per ton; ditto, main crop kidney, 65s. to 80s. per ton; ditto, Sutton Abundance, 65s. to 80s. per ton; ditto, Scotch Magnums, 70s. to 80s. per ton; ditto, Bruce, 70s. to 80s. per ton; ditto, main crop kidneys, 90s. to 100s. per ton; turnips, 1s. 6d. to 2s. per dozen bunches; ditto, 20s. to 40s. per ton; carrots (household), 22s. 6d. to 30s. per ton; ditto (cattle feeding), 18s. to 25s. per ton; parsnips, 6d. to 1s. per score; mangolds, 14s. to 16s. per ton; swedes, 16s. to 20s. per ton; hay, 65s. to 80s. per load; straw, 28s. to 32s. per load; clover, 80s. to 100s. per load; chaff, 60s. to 100s. per ton; horse mixture, 90s. to 100s. per ton; oats, 12s. 6d. to 22s. per qr.; maize, 22s. to 24s. per qr.; barley, 12s. to 18s. per qr.; beans, 17s. 6d. to 20s. per qr.; onions (English), 50s. to 70s. per ton; ditto (Dutch), 1s. 9d. to 2s. 6d. per bag; ditto (Valentia), 4s. to 12s. 6d. per case; ditto (German), 3s. to 3s. 6d. per bag; apples (English), 3s. to 7s. 6d. per bushel; ditto (American), 16s. to 18s. per barrel.

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AGRICULTURE IN SUFFOLK.

[BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

The closing weeks of the present year are likely to be characterised by much activity in matters appertaining to agriculture. The December meeting of the Central Chamber gives promise of being a very important one. Perhaps, however, the most important of the various subjects to be discussed on that occasion is that having reference to the cheapening of the carriage of agricultural produce, and expediting the means of transit. The subject of the cost of transit of the heavier productions of the farm has been debated times and often, and it has been pointed out over and over again that the English agriculturist is hampered at every point. He naturally feels that he has been all along placed at considerable disadvantage by the rates charged for foreign productions being a great deal less than for home produce. It may be that we are about to have an illustration of the usefulness of continually pegging away at a desirable object. The Right Hon. James Bryce, the President of the Board of Trade, speaking at Ipswich last week, threw out a significant hint that the powers that be had in contemplation the consideration at least of the subject of the

ESTABLISHMENT OF LIGHT RAILWAYS

for rural districts. He admitted—he could not do otherwise—that the oldest, the most important, and the greatest single industry in the country was languishing, and that its condition needed serious attention. These light railways may have a wholesome effect all round. If they act as feeders to the main trunk lines better terms may be exacted from the great private companies. The eyes of everybody seem to have hitherto been concentrated very much upon the great Metropolis, as though there were not other large and important commercial centres to which agricultural produce could be sent without having first to go through the hands of the middle-man by way of London. The experiment which was tried last year by the Great Eastern Railway of establishing direct communication with Manchester, Liverpool, and other places, was so far satisfactory that in all probability—of course I have no official authority for saying so—the service will not only be continued, but very considerably amplified. In the early part of the season, when the green peas are being gathered, and later on, as other crops come in season, heavy trains, picking up consignments from various rural districts, were dispatched through to the cities and towns I have named. It was the Essex farmers who largely availed themselves of this effective method of reaching thousands, nay, millions of people resident in districts far removed from London. The Essex farmers go in largely for pea-growing; pea-picking is

QUITE AS IMPORTANT AN INDUSTRY

in certain parts of the sister county as hop-picking is in Kent, and when these are out of the way then come in turn cucumbers and other productions of the field, which find a ready sale if people "in crowded city pent" are only able to get them moderately fresh and nice. Thanks to the enterprise of the Great Eastern Railway Company, they were able last year to do this, and will, in all probability, have the same opportunities next year. It would be well if a larger number of Suffolk agriculturists could make more use of these "pick-up" trains. The Railway Company have shown a willingness to meet the requirements of rural localities, and what has been done for Essex could be done for Suffolk, if only farm produce is left at the various stations *en route* and packed in trucks ready to be picked up as the "through" train—through from a certain point—comes along. Light railways might be made specially useful in the matter of the carriage of milk and other dairy produce, it being a fact that in certain months London dairymen have found it impossible to take milk from remote places in Suffolk, because it could not reach them in a condition to be saleable. The outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease comes at a most unfortunate time. Possibly, if as agriculturists we had a voice in the matter of the advent of the plaguesome epidemic we should say "Never." The Christmas show season is now commencing, and, of course, the movement of stock is hampered with restrictions—necessarily so, because when herds and flocks are in danger it will not do to be so over particular, and after all it may be better to tread upon a few people's toes rather than run the risk of

ALLOWING THE DISEASE TO SPREAD

and work untold mischief. It seems to be a question, however, whether in order to deal with an outbreak at so distant a place as Linton, in Cambridgeshire, there was any absolute necessity to declare so wide a stretch of country as that of the administrative district of West Suffolk, an area subjected to the worretting rules and regulations incidental to the orders of the Board of Agriculture. The good people of Bury St. Edmund's evidently feel so, and they have given expression to their views in a manner not to be misunderstood. Let us hope that the prompt measures taken may have the effect of lessening the difficulties which the managers of various shows may have to contend with. I observe that several of the entries at the recent exhibition of the Norfolk and Norwich Christmas Association did not put in an appearance. Several of the Suffolk black-faced sheep from West Suffolk were absent. If the cause of their non-appearance was due to the Orders which had just been previously issued, then we have an explanation to some extent satisfactory as to the reason why a class of animal which has figured pretty prominently in previous years was not represented on this occasion; but it would seem that there were other causes, notably that there was an absence of classes for lambs, excepting where all breeds have to compete together, and as a rule sheep breeders object to enter into competition in those circumstances. But this was not the only department of the show which was not so well filled up as in some previous years. Gentlemen familiar with the earlier history of the

SUFFOLK FAT CATTLE CLUB

will remember how gradually the entries began to decrease, with this result, that the residents of the town of Ipswich and neighbourhood were deprived for a time of a very pleasant meeting-ground on which to usher in the Christmas festivities. The Norwich Show long ago assumed almost national importance, it being large enough, and in all respects good enough, to rank in the list with Smithfield and Birmingham. Breeders and graziers in the Eastern Counties have come to be proud of the Norwich display, and every effort must be used by way of patronage and monetary help to enable the Society to hold its old place among the great Christmas shows of the country. Many of the rural districts have been in an unwonted state of excitement *in re* the proceedings connected with the Parish Councils Act. Next Tuesday there will be "rare doings" in many a parish. There seems to be an upheaval of country officials, and what may happen in the course of the next few years it is difficult to imagine. If we have not a very different race of work people in rural localities it will not be for the want of an attempt to educate them. The report of the Technical Instruction Committee to the East Suffolk County Council on Tuesday last is a perfect study. These are some of the subjects in the return of classes under the Committee, other than the classes at the School of Science and Art:—Farriery or veterinary hygiene, laundry work, horticulture, navigation, magnetism and electricity, mathematics, ambulance (women and girls), ditto (nursing), ditto (men and boys), shorthand and typewriting. These are some of the subjects. The altered state of things is almost enough to make our forefathers turn in their graves—the good old souls I mean who did not believe in so much book learning. Truly we live in a world of change.

MUNICIPAL BYE-ELECTIONS.

LOWESTOFT.

Four vacancies were caused in the Lowestoft Town Council by the elevation to the Aldermanic Bench of Messrs. Henry Jefferies (the present Mayor), Robert Brame Capps, Thomas Hobson, and Ebenezer Tuttle. Contests followed in the North and West Wards, and the polling on Monday resulted:—North Ward: Mr. F. S. Smith (C), 505; Mr. J. W. Wright (L), 495. West Ward: Mr. S. White (C), 515; Mr. T. Bee (L), 371.

EYE: A BLOODLESS VICTORY.

Of the five or six persons who report stated were likely to become candidates for the seat on the Eye Town Council, rendered vacant by Mr. H. W. Cullum's elevation to the Alderman's Bench, three in one form or another really entered the arena, with what result will be seen below. Mr. Albert Greenard, farmer, of Cranley Hall, certainly contemplated contesting the seat, for he issued an address asking for the support of the electors, and promising if elected to be a right good man and true. But here he stopped short, and never took the trouble to get nominated. Mr. S. A. Rowling, draper, Broad Street, obtained a nomination paper, which was at least partially filled up by nominators and assenters, but for some reason or other, the process was not completed, or if completed, the nomination was not delivered, so for the time being, and it is hoped only for the time being, Mr. Rowling is out of it. The third and last person to be dealt with is Mr. George Day, the well-known church bell-hanger and campanologist, who, disdaining all "capers" of this kind, had his nomination paper regularly filled up, and duly delivered, and he is now a councillor of the ancient borough of Eye, where he was born, has lived all his life, and is highly respected. Mr. Day has issued an address to the electors, thanking them for the honour conferred by electing him unopposed, and promising to study the best interests of the borough.

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FRIENDLY SOCIETY NOTES.

[SPECIALLY CONTRIBUTED.]

The opening of another lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows in Ipswich adds another laurel to the wreath of progess of the Ipswich District, besides serving the useful purpose of meeting the requirements of working men in the west end of the town. The auspicious ceremony of opening the branch, which will be known as the "Orford White" Lodge, No. 7307, in compliment to the present D.G.M. of the Unity and our respected townsman, took place at the Red Lion Hotel, Bramford Road, on Monday evening, and was attended by the principal officers of the District, as well as visiting brethren.

Bro. Jas. Ball, P.P.G.M., presided, and he was supported by P.P.G.M.'s Bros. John Pye and Alfred Meadows. The vice-chair was occupied by P.P.G.M. Bro. J. Snelling, who had Bro. S. A. Turner, P.G. (Stowmarket), and Bro. J. Mortlock, of the "Lord Lennox" Lodge, Southampton District, as supporters. The G.M.'s chair was temporarily occupied by Prov. G.M. Chas. Hudson, and he was supported by the Deputy G.M. of the Unity (Bro. W. Orford White, J.P.), and Bro. G. Fisher, Prov. D.G.M. The other brethren present included—P.G. W. Thurston, E.S.; P.G. S. H. Daniels, I.G.; P.P.G.M.'s J. Day, G. Kennell, G. W. Senton; P.G.'s F. A. Bales, W. T. Wainwright, and R. F. Paternoster. After the formal opening of the Lodge, no less than 51 members were initiated, a larger number than had ever previously been initiated at the opening of an Ipswich District Lodge, and at very few other provincial lodges.

The initiation charge was undertaken by D.G.M. White, Prov. G.M. C. Hudson, and Prov. D.G.M. Geo. Fisher, the members being "admitted" in three batches, among whom were Dr. G. Vincent, Messrs. C. T. Packard, A. Begg, R. Ramplin, and others. This was undoubtedly a highly satisfactory beginning, but it remained for the dispensation to be presented ere the brethren could be legally constituted a separate body. This duty was undertaken by Prov. G.M. Hudson, who called upon the following six brethren to accept the dispensation of the directorate on behalf of the newly-formed Lodge:—Bros. Dr. Vincent, C. T. Packard, R. Ramplin, A. Begg, W. S. Mills, and H. Lloyd.

Of course the new members had not yet had time to qualify for the chairs, and the Lodge officers were therefore selected from the district officers present as follows:—G.M., P.G. F. W. Canham; N.G., Pro. G.M. Hudson; V.G., D.P.G.M. Fisher; elective secretary, R. Ramplin; per. sec., W. S. Mills; treasurer, C. T. Packard; medical officer, Dr. G. Vincent. Supporters were elected:—By the N.G., P.P.G.M. Bro. John Pye (right-hand) and Bro. Horace Lloyd, Burstall (left-hand); by the V.G., Bros. E. Wythe and W. Parker. The D.G.M., prior to the investment of the officers, addressed a few words of encouragement to them, as is customary on such occasions, after which the officers took their respective positions.

One of the first acts of the new Lodge was characterised by sound judgment and true friendly society spirit, viz., to resolve, by unanimous vote, to work in accordance with the superannuation tables certified by the Unity's actuaries, which provide old age pensions varying from 2s. 6d. to 10s. per week on members attaining the age of 65 years, in proportion to the scales of payments. Few Oddfellows will be disposed to quarrel with this decision, but, as regards the age at which the superannuation is payable, we believe the time is not far distant ere the Manchester Unity directors, as well as those of the A.O.F., will find it expedient to provide for superannuation before the age of 65 is reached.

The "Orford White" Lodge elected honorary members as follows:—D.G.M. W. O. White, J.P., Sir Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Mr. R. L. Everett, M.P., Captain E. G. Pretyman, Mr. A. W. Soames, Mr. E. Packard, jun., the Hon. Douglas Tollemache, Mr. F. H. Fosdick, Mr. W. Eade, Col. J. H. Josselyn, Mr. W. A. Churchman, Mr. A. C. Churchman, Mr. W. E. Kersey, Mr. S. R. Anness, Mr. R. D. Fraser, Mr. J. Pratt, Mr. R. S. Paul, and Mr. J. Mills.

Responding to the toast of his health, which was proposed by Bro. J. Pye, P.P.G.M. Bro. Orford White commented upon the fact that this new Lodge—named after himself—was the first in the Unity to be founded on superannuation lines, a remark which was received with enthusiasm. As to the growth of the Ipswich District during the 13 years he had held the office of corresponding secretary, Bro. White went on to state that in 1881 the number of members was 2,703, while in January last they had increased to 4,464, or nearly double what they were 13 years ago. Members over 60 years of age had increased from 147 to 373, but notwithstanding that the average age of the district had slightly decreased owing to the large number of young members admitted. The receipts had trebled from £4,468 2s. 9d. to £12,223 15s. 6d., while the expenditure had only risen from £4,415 to £8,823, which, of course, allowed the capital to rapidly accumulate. The D.G.M. concluded by presenting the lodge with its pedestals—a gift which was highly appreciated.

On Monday a successful concert took place in the Victoria Hall, Felixstowe, in aid of the sports fund of the "Pretyman" Lodge of Oddfellows. It will be remembered that the lodge suffered financially by the unpropitious weather last August Bank Holiday—the date of their sports—and it was with the view of wiping out the deficit that the concert was promoted. A capital programme was voluntarily contributed to by the following ladies and gentlemen:—Messrs. Will May, "F.O.S."; Johnson, Sergt.-Major Dredge, Peck, Gugatt, McIntosh, and the Misses Fox and Morsley.

The "Orwell" Lodge of Oddfellows on Tuesday night welcomed a number of visiting brethren in the Oddfellows' Hall from the Stepney district of London, which included P.P.G.M. T. C. Harbutt, Prov. C. S. Dalby, P.Prov.G.M. Rawlinson, and P.G. Darbyshire. After the routine business of the lodge had been transacted, over which Bros. G. T. Moss, N.G., and W. Thompson, V.G., presided, the meeting partook of a social character. Bro. Harbutt, in proposing "The Manchester Unity and the Ipswich District," refuted the charge that friendly societies had not done all that was claimed for them, and pointed to the great and good work for which they were responsible. He alluded to the burning question of old age pensions, and said some of their great statesmen desired to do for them what they would much rather do for themselves, and great credit was due to the Ipswich District for having made a genuine attempt to deal with this problem. (Applause.) Bro. Harbutt promised to initiate in his own lodge the action of the Ipswich district.

Bro. Orford White, J.P., with whose name the toast was coupled, suitably responded. "The healths of the visitors from Stepney" was submitted by Bro. Paternoster, P.G., each of whom replied. "Continued success to the 'Orwell' Lodge" was toasted by Prov. C.S. Dalby, and acknowledged by Prov. G.M. Chas. Hudson; "The Visitors," by P.G. F. W. Canham, and responded to by Bro. Girling (who is on a visit from South Africa), P.P.G.M.'s J. Ball, J. Snelling, and G. W. Senton.

The members of St. Helen's (Ipswich) Clothing Warehouse and Factory Sick Benefit Society held their 19th annual meeting on Thursday. Mr. E. Titchmarsh presided. The Committee, in the report, congratulated the members on the small amount of sick claims—the smallest since 1888—and that there was no death to record. The number of shares granted amounted to 466½, of which 68 had been withdrawn, leaving 398½ to rank for dividend. The balance-in-hand, including entrance fees, fines, interest on reserve fund, and interest on current year, enabled the Committee to propose a dividend of 11s. 8d. per fully paid up share of 13s. This was the largest dividend declared since 1882. The officers were re-elected as under—President, Mr. W. H. Fraser, J.P., Bramford Hall; vice-president, Mr. A. Fraser, Westerfield House; treasurer, Mr. Ellis Titchmarsh; auditor, Mr. A. C. Hayward; hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Anderson; Committee, Messrs. D. Steel, J. F. B. Bayles, N. Noakes, S. Bridge, J. Doole, Ling, Leggett, and Atkins.

REPORTED SENSATIONAL HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Herbert Whitehead, 24, commission agent, Preston, reported to the police that whilst cycling near the town he was stopped and attacked by two roughs, knocked off his machine, gagged, and forcibly robbed of £400, the moneys of Messrs. Beresford, sugar merchants, Manchester. Mr. Whitehead is highly connected, and the story has caused a great sensation in Preston.

Great indeed are the blessings which HORNIMAN'S PURE TEA has diffused amongst the masses of Mankind. The tone, the strength, and the vigour of the human body are increased by the daily consumption of Horniman's Pure Tea. LOCAL AGENTS:—*Ipswich*, Groom, 57, Princes Street; Bradford, 58, Tavern Street; Jackson, Fore Street; Broome, 49, Butter Market; Provincial Drug Company, Westgate Street; Co-operative Stores; Bell, Brook Street; Steed, St. Matthew's Bakery; Wheeler, Great Colman Street and Tacket Street; *Woodbridge*, Barrett, confectioner; Betts and Son, chemists; *Stowmarket*, Simpson and Son; *Harwich*, Worts; *Peasenhall*, Jerry; *Sudbury*, Dixey, confectioner; *Bury*, Nunn and Co.; *Saxmundham*, Palmer, chemist; *Hadleigh*, Slater, chemist; *Botesdale*, Rush; *Laxfield*, Samson, grocer; *Cockfield*, Brewer, grocer, &c.; *Long Melford*, Mullen, grocer; *Lavenham*, Green, chemist; *Cavendish*, Clark, grocer; *Monks Eleigh*, Vince, grocer; *Manningtree*, Gibling, confectioner; *Debenham*, Gooding; *Felixstowe*, Brown, chemist; *Needham Market*, Harrington, chemist, and at *Walsham*; *Halesworth*, Gale, bookseller; Gostling, chemist; *Framlingham*, Jude, draper; *Walton*, Co-operative Society; *Southwold*, Woods, confectioner; *Wrentham*, Sadd, tea dealer; *Wickham Market*, Co-operative Stores; Last, chemist; *Bramford*, Bowman, confectioner; *Wetherden*, Page, grocer, &c.

CHURCH NOTES AND NEWS.

[SPECIALLY CONTRIBUTED.]

A delegate who preaches on behalf of the Rupert's Land Missions tells the following touching story. He was travelling from place to place throughout the wide extent of the Diocese, and came to a settlement where no service had been held for years. From far and near the people thronged to join in the church prayers, and loud and hearty were the responses, but they grew feebler and feebler, and at length ceased. The preacher looked up to discover the cause of the silence, and found the congregation in tears. The old familiar service so long unheard had wakened up in them such home sickness, such memories of the days when they had the service constantly, that one by one they had broken down, and were weeping for their lost privileges.

A meeting of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts was held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Ipswich, on Monday. The Rev. Y. A. Barrington presided, and after prayer by the Rev. A. H. Hayes, the Rev. J. H. Hocking read the report. A missionary from Burmah gave a description of his work, and another from Canada related some of his experiences, and also spoke of the benefit now being derived from the effects of what earnest men in connection with the S.P.G. Society had commenced. Canon Bulstrode proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor, and concluded with an eloquent appeal in aid of the venerable and excellent Society.

The Archbishop of York paid a visit to North Burton, East Yorkshire, yesterday week, and held a service in the church and inspected the register. It is said that no archbishop had visited the place since the fourteenth century, when one came to investigate a charge against woman for having buried her cow with Christian rites, having even dared to use the parish pall.

The Church of England Soldiers' Institute, which has been erected in the North Camp at Aldershot at a cost of about £1,000, has been opened by the Duke of Connaught. In doing so, his Royal Highness expressed the pleasure the ceremony gave him, and said he had watched with interest how the Institute had risen. He rejoiced that the Church of England had recognised how very much she could do to help the men in the service and to keep them away from those many temptations which unfortunately surrounded our large stations. He also expressed his satisfaction that the Church now recognised, might he say, her duty to come forward and help the many men in the army who belonged to the Church of England.

The Rev. E. C. Hawkins, vicar of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, having read in the *Times* complaints of the abuse and misuse of open churches, records in that journal a different experience. For the last ten years, it appears, the church of St. Bride's, Fleet Street, has been open from eleven to four o'clock every day. It is close to one of the most crowded thoro'fares in London, and has been freely used. Yet in all this time none of its many frequenters has done any mischief to the building or its furniture, nor been guilty of any indecorum. There is a notice on the outer gate saying that the church is open for "rest, meditation, and prayer," and it appears to have been honestly used for these purposes. At the short services held during the dinner hour, he says, "I almost always find some already at prayer when I enter the church, and always leave some at prayer when I go out. I hope my experience of an open church will encourage some of the London clergy, whose churches are closed except at service times, to make the same experiment."

In order to extend the interest, and to deepen the sense of personal responsibility in missionary work, a special service was held on Thursday afternoon for parishes in Samford Deanery, at Bentley Church. The appoach to the church is delightful, through picturesque and peaceful surroundings, calculated to prepare the mind for prayer and praise. And where on Sundays, the congregations

'Kneeling where generations past have knelt,
Pour forth their common wants in common prayer—
A rural Sabbath, nearest type of heaven.

It is a well-cared-for country church, and there are many evidences of the genial influence of the much-respected Vicar and Mrs. Beauchamp. The service was well attended, and the responses and singing hearty. The first lesson was read by the Rev. J. H. Hocking, and the second by the Rev. J. B. Pelham."

The address from the pulpit was by the Rev. Canon Garnier, rector of Cranworth. "The claim of the heathen and the Church's responsibility towards them" (Acts xi., 5) formed the text on which the speaker based his sermon. A full report, it is hoped, will appear in another column, enabling those who were not present to hear to read the truths which were so earnestly spoken. A bright and happy service is pleasant to remember, and the beautiful chancel, with mosaic reredos and pavement and the "dim religious light," through windows of unusual beauty, all tending to be helpful in elevating and increasing love for the Sanctuary. In the special service there was a short interval for silent prayer; and some may remember how the late Rev. Bishop Pelham requested it at the time of Confirmation, and that it was much approved.

PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL.

ANNUAL MEETING AT IPSWICH.

The Rev. Ythil A. Barrington presided over the annual meeting of the Ipswich branch of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, at the Town Hall, on Monday. There was a numerous attendance, and in his opening remarks the Chairman referred to the Society as one of the oldest foreign missionary societies connected with the Church of England.—The organising secretary of the Archdeaconry (Rev. J. H. Hocking, of Copdock), in giving an account of the work carried on in this neighbourhood, spoke of the apathy exhibited. Going into statistics, the rev. gentleman said the total income of the Society during 1893 amounted to £113,079, as against £127,184 in 1892. The increase in 1892 was attributable to over £9,000 being left in legacies. In the diocese of Norwich the money raised in 1893 totalled £2,169, as against £2,077 the previous year, while in Ipswich the figures were £60, as against £45. He thought only a little energy was needed to bring the total forwarded by Ipswich to the parent Society up to that of 1889, which was £76. The amounts from the various deaneries in Suffolk ranged from £66 to £5, against £55 to £4 as compared with the preceding year. —The Rev. A. Salmon, who has been engaged in mission work in Burmah for a long period, detailed his own interesting experiences in the working of Foreign Missions. In illustrating the difficulty of dealing with the large number of people who immigrated from India and China, he said that no less than 30 indigenous races occupied the country, while in addition there were 30 other Asiatic tribes travelling in the same country. The greatest obstacle that confronted their eleven missionaries engaged in Burmah was that sixty different dialects were spoken. To ensure success in their work they must raise an indigenous ministry, which was the only way of teaching the people, and creating a spirit of emulation. He pointed out that the native clergy were maintained by the people, and received no pay whatever from the S.P.G.—An address was also delivered by the Rev. W. D. Barker, of Victoria, British Columbia.—The Rev. Canon Bulstrode claimed to be a supporter of the Society, as it worked on correct Church lines and economical lines.

IPSWICH ST. MICHAEL'S YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY.

INTERESTING LECTURE ON THE WEST INDIES.

Mr. Edward Packard, jun., met with a very cordial reception from a large audience in St. Michael's Schoolroom on Monday evening, when he lectured to the members and friends of the Young Men's Society on what he saw during his late visit to the West Indies. The Rev. W. J. Garrould, vicar, presided, and in a brief introduction of Mr. Packard, spoke of the pleasure he had afforded the Society on a former occasion, when he discoursed on yachts and yachting. The lecturer, whose remarks were admirably illustrated by a very numerous collection of lantern slides, which were ably displayed on the screen by Mr. James Napier, at the outset expressed the hope that he would be able to make his hearers more fully appreciate the glories and beauties of nature under a tropical sun. In this desire Mr. Packard undoubtedly was rewarded by the attentive hearing he obtained and the hearty applause which frequently greeted his descriptions of the places visited. Beginning by explaining that the passage from England to Barbadoes usually occupied twelve days, the speaker vividly narrated he experiences of his outward passage, which took place shortly after the terrible gale of the Autumn of 1893. Barbadoes, the first place of landing, was not, he proceeded, an altogether picturesque place, although in some respects it very much resembled the Isle of Wight. Out of a total population of 180,000, no less than 151,000 of that number were classified as belonging to the Church of England. (Applause.) Of course the greater number were negroes, but they were generally very decent people, and their religious proclivities would

STARTLE THE BRITISH WORKING MAN.

The island was almost entirely devoted to the culture of the sugar cane, and one reason of its continued prosperity was that it had not been disturbed by war, the British flag having been flown on the island since shortly after the commencement of the 17th century. Having dealt with the fruit culture of the island, the Flora, the picturesque palm groves and the beautiful tropical culture which prevailed over these islands, Mr. Packard next spoke of the characteristics of St. Vincent's Island. The latter island, as well as Grenada, originally belonged to Spain, they were afterwards captured by the French; then by the British; were recaptured by the French, and eventually, at the peace, came back to England. Trinidad and Port of Spain next came under notice, and perhaps this island was one of the most interesting of the group described. Port of Spain, for instance, possesses a harbour capable of accommodating all the navies of the world. Pictures of some remarkable bamboo trees nearly 90 feet in height, the cocoa-nut palm (which is always found in its most perfect state near the sea shore), the silk cotton tree, the camphor tree, a lake of pitch (which, singular to say, is found in a hard state under a tropical sun), and other interesting features of Trinidad evoked loud cheers. The island of Jamaica, with Port Royal and Kingston, were treated of at some length. Jamaica, observed Mr. Packard, contained some most beautiful scenery, while at Newcastle on that island he visited a cocoa plantation belonging to Mr. Algernon Cobbold, a cousin of Mr. Felix Cobbold, of Ipswich. (Applause.) Coming to Cuba and its principal town, Havannah, from whence such large quantities of tobacco and cigars are exported, the lecturer said he thought the latter town one of the most ungodly cities he ever entered. Sunday there was like most other days, except that the merchants and others enjoyed a half-holiday on that day. He concluded by giving a very lucid explanation of

THE SUGAR CRUSHING INDUSTRY,

showing the various processes through which the sugar cane passed before it became the pure white crystal so frequently seen on the breakfast table. Like agriculture in all parts of the world, West Indian industries were at present under a deep black cloud. Whether silver and bi-metallism had anything to do with it or not he could not say, but sugar had gone back quite as rapidly as any other commodity. It was regrettable that our industries should be in such a depressed state, but he feared we had not yet discovered the remedy to put them in a more profitable condition. A most enjoyable evening terminated with a vote of thanks to the lecturer, moved by the Rev. W. J. Garrould, and seconded by the Rev. W. A. Smith.

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WOODBRIDGE PARISH CHURCH.

On Sunday the Rev. Hugh Astley, rector of Ufford, preached to a large congregation in St. Mary's Church, Woodbridge, on behalf of the Suffolk Home Mission. Offertory £3 7s. 3d.

ST. HELEN'S YOUNG MEN'S SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

Three instructive lectures have been given before the members of this Society—the first in the Infants' Schoolroom by the Rev. C. B. Nash, on "Corea," the second on "Persia and the Persians," by the Rev. F. W. B. Symons, illustrated by an excellent set of lantern slides, lent by the C.M.S.; and the third by Mr. F. Paternoster on "Water." Interesting experiments showing the various properties of gases accompanied the latter lecture.

IPSWICH ST. MARGARET'S Y.M.S.

On Tuesday evening the members were much pleased with a visit from their venerable President, Canon Garratt, who gave a most interesting lecture on "John Bunyan."

EYE PARISH CHURCH.

The diocesan missioner, the Rev. Mordaunt Crofton, arrived at Eye Vicarage on Saturday afternoon, and in the evening of that day gave an address to communicants at the parish church. On Sunday the rev. gentleman preached both morning and evening to large congregations, besides giving an address to the Sunday School children, and to men only in the afternoon. The Missioner is an able and eloquent speaker, and all his discourses were listened to with marked attention.

HOLY TRINITY MUTUAL IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

Before the members of this Society on Wednesday evening a lecture was given by the Rev. J. H. Jennings, B.A., in Holy Trinity Parish Room, entitled "Popular Authors and their Works," and was illustrated by a powerful magic lantern, which has lately been purchased by the Society. The slides and lecture were lent by Messrs. Geo. Newnes, Limited. The chair was taken by Mr. W. J. Eccott, B.A.

STOWMARKET.

Next week should prove a red-letter week in the history of Stowmarket parish church, the Bishop of Norwich, having consented to pay a four days' visit to the town, commencing on Monday next, when his lordship will address a meeting of all Church workers in the Parish-room. On Tuesday evening there will be service at church, with address to communicants. On Wednesday afternoon, in order to strengthen and help forward the good work carried on by Mrs. Fawcett, the Bishop will address the young women employed at Messrs. E. Pretty and Son's stay factory, presiding in the evening at a public meeting and entertainment at the Corn Exchange, in connection with the Sunday Schools, Dr. Sheepshanks having consented to distribute the prizes and address the parents and friends. Thursday is the day reserved for the re-opening of the belfry. Holy Communion will be administered at 7.30 a.m. At noon the beltringers will be entertained to dinner at the King's Head Hotel, when the Bishop will deliver an address, and a special service will be held in the parish church in the evening, his lordship preaching the sermon.

LAXFIELD CHURCH CHANCEL RESTORATION.

An entertainment was given in the Girls' School on Thursday evening in aid of the Church Chancel Restoration Fund, the vicar (Rev E. Stafford Finch, M.A.) presiding over a full attendance. The helpers included:—The Misses B. Newson (Stradbroke), A. Baldry (Brundish), the vicar, Messrs. J. E. Grieveson (Framlingham College), J. W. Bocking (Norwich), H. W. Gunston (Fressingfield), W. C. Pleasants (Metfield), H. Foster and H. Campling (Laxfield), H. Aldous (Stradbroke), together with Miss B. Meen, of Stradbroke, and the Rev. E. S. Finch as accompanists. On the proposition of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. T. H. Bryant, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the various performers, together with Mrs. S. Samson for decorating the platform, Mrs. Thurston for the loan of her splendid chrysanthemums, and Mr. Campling who acted most efficiently as organiser of the concert. In response to a special vote of thanks for his double services as chairman and accompanist, the Rev. E. S. Finch expressed the wish that he might meet his parishioners on many similar occasions. The singing of "God save the Queen" concluded a very pleasant evening. Programme:—Piano solo, Rev. E. S. Finch; song, "True till Death," Mr. J. E. Grieveson; song, "The College Bell," Miss Newson; song, "Do you take me for a Pillar?" Mr. W. C. Pleasants; piano and bones, Miss Meen and Mr. Foster; song, "In the Cellar Deep," Mr. Bocking; song, "Auntie," Miss Baldry; vocal duet, "Love and War," Messrs. Gunston and Bocking; song, "I will show you on my Bones," Mr. Foster; recitation, "Christmas in a Workhouse," Mr. Campling; song, "Maid of Athens," Mr. Gunston; piano solo, Rev. E. S. Finch; song, Mr. Grieveson; song, Miss Newson; song, "Oh I say," Mr. Pleasants; stump speech, "A Merry Christmas," Mr. Aldous; song, "The Friar of Orders Grey," Mr. Bocking; song, "Maggie's Secret," Miss Baldry; song, "Rochester Steeple," Mr. Gunston; recitation, "The Constable's Story," Mr. Campling; song, Mr. Foster; song, "I was in it," Mr. W. C. Pleasants.

PEACEABLE LINDSEY: SOME REFLECTIONS.

[SPECIALLY CONTRIBUTED.]

The parish of Lindsey, scattered over a large area, cannot boast of much picturesque scenery. Yet, it is a "parish," and the inhabitants, at least some of them, are looking forward with interest to Tuesday next, when a meeting is to be held in the village school to consider that famous Parish Councils Act. Looking abroad, the most noticeable feature, as regards buildings, is the ancient parish church, where services of the most conscientious kind are held, and where sermons, more fitted for our crowded cathedrals, are Sunday after Sunday preached. Missions for God's people are always there with a regularity that needs no occasional winding up, but the farm labourer, in these remote regions, has his own peculiar ideas, viz., that if there is a church in their midst, if the bell tolls its knell at the appointed hours, if the parson goes to "pray and preach," then their minds and souls are at peace. No enthusiasm amongst them needed. They are contented with their Sabbaths, in spite of a shilling less or more on a Saturday night. The ancientness of the church is betokened inside and outside as well. Inside, the beams and rafters testify to the completeness (or incompleteness if you will have it) of the fine blunt tools they must have possessed in those hundreds of years passed away. Outside, we notice its tower of a very primitive character. History says that at one time a peal of bells existed there, but the "wind in a frolic" one night displaced them. Whether the funds were low in the churchwarden's hands then as they are even now, we know not, but the report is that one single bell was replaced (a fact), and the others were sold, and the then churchwardens did

WHAT DARE NOT BE DONE NOW-A-DAYS,

for they spent the money on themselves, sufficient to shock the ears of Sir Wilfrid Lawson, and all his temperence reformers. The church dates back to the time of the commencement of the Tuder dynasty (Henry VII.), and on surveying the village there seems something remarkable in that fact. Henry VII., of the House of Lancaster (the Red Rose), married Elizabeth of York (the White Rose), and thus united the contending factions of the British Crown. So here the church stands on the hill, a few yards only distant from the highway. If you will travel westward for a few minute's walk, you will come across the famous old hostelry, "The White Rose," and passing from the church in the opposite direction, we directly come across the well-known Inn "The Red Rose," both conducted with credit to parish, inhabitants, and police alike. Lindsey seems a peaceable place, and I am afraid our pleasant and vigilant police officer will never get promotion by "merit," as breaches of police law are so rare. Burglars think it not worth their while to try their jemmy and silent tools here; thieves would say there is nothing to steal, whilst tramps and beggars curse themselves for having wasted their time amongst the good folks of Lindsey. The only breach of the peace heard of during the past six months was near Crusoe's Cottage, over a "china candlestick," which has a notable history now. We must add a few words about the village school. The master stated that the children were of an intelligent class, many of them more so than their sires. Of course, indifferent attendance sometimes occurs, cases arising where false pains, coughs and colds abound in a remarkable degree, until, say, half-past nine o'clock, when the attendance officer, if he were as vigilant as our police-constable, would, on a surprise visit, find all ailments vanished, yea, children rejoicing that school had begun, ready almost to stand on their heads, singing "Home, Home, Sweet Home," and join the babe with its feeding-bottle, sops and milk.

QUIET LINDSEY, HOWEVER, HAS ITS TROUBLES,

for one's ears echo and re-echo as to the peasant's cry—wages reducing, flour rising. May the farmers soon find a better market; may they stick to their men, and the men to their masters, and in future have cause to rejoice together. Hard times these for farmers and men. We find no squires as of old to assist, as in by-gone days. The oldest inhabitant will feel it most. It reminds us what was recently in print, where the lately self-benevolent made squire enters the old cottage with a smile, "Here is a few raisins for your Christmas pudding, and a bottle of home-made gingerbeer to drink with it." But the old couple had well known what it was to receive from the real squire of good old days, in the shape of a pheasant and a bottle of wine for their Christmas fare.

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IPSWICH EVENING SCHOOL CLASSES.

ENCOURAGING REPORT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD.

The business before the ordinary meeting of the Ipswich School Board on Wednesday was not heavy, but several interesting statements were made concerning the progress of the evening schools. The chairman of the Board (Mr. Walton Turner) presided, and there were also present Messrs. Lewis Moir, H. W. Packard, Alan Turner, W. Eade, A. Pain, J. Barker, R. T. Whiting, E. G. Dale, and the Rev. W. J. Garrould. The report of the School Management Committee consisted in the main of the reports from the Evening Classes and Physical Exercises Committee. The attendances at the evening classes had been maintained, which, the Chairman said, was due in some degree to the variable curriculum in the elementary schools. That had been the means of inducing the children to become interested in their earlier studies, and instead of relinquishing their education they had continued it at the evening classes. Speaking of the physical exercises competition held on the 16th November, Mr. Packard remarked that the Sub-Committee who undertook the management of the competition recommended improved arrangements for the holding of next year's competitions. It was considered that the Drill Hall was unsuitable for the final competition. With regard to the instruction in swimming, Mr. Packard thought the results were not so satisfactory as last year. The Committee, he trusted, would be able to find an instructress in

SWIMMING FOR GIRLS

next season. Reverting to the physical exercises, Mr. Packard said a large number of parents in certain districts of the town objected to the physical exercises. He thought those people made a great mistake.—The Rev. W. J. Garrould, the Chairman of the Evening Classes Committee, referring to the satisfactory progress of those classes, said the attendance this season totalled 813, as against 717 students last year. The Committee, he pointed out, considered the formation of two classes, one for males and the other for females, for instruction on the violin, of great value. A large number already belonging to the existing classes had joined the violin class. In order to encourage those attending the Continuation Classes, two ambulance classes—one at the Higher Grade, and one at St. Mary Elms Schools—had been added.—Mr. Dale was desirous of knowing what class of children attended the evening classes, as those classes were originally intended for children who had been obliged to leave their scholastic duties early through the poverty of their parents and other circumstances.—The Rev. W. J. Garrould said the violin classes were not included in the 813 already mentioned, and the ambulance classes were also excluded. With reference to both the continuation and technical classes it was never contemplated by the Board that those classes should be solely for those who had

NEGLECTED THEIR EARLY EDUCATION,

but also for those who were desirous of improving the knowledge they had acquired. It was impossible to answer Mr. Dale's question as to the class of children in attendance at the evening schools.—Mr. J. Barker said the children attending Wherstead Road appeared to be children who had left school early.—Mr. Moir spoke of the extensive and successful work undertaken at the Manual Instruction Centre. He only wished the inhabitants knew what was done at the Manual Instruction Centre, where boys were taught how to use their hands, and where the work was carried on with but little expense.—The report of the Committee was adopted, on the motion of Mr. Packard.

CANDLES MADE FROM CORPSES.

Not long ago four men in the Government of Kursk, in Russia, murdered a girl *in order to make candles of her body*, the notion being that the light from such a horrible source not only renders the perpetrators of robberies invisible but prevents the people of the house from awakening.

A dead man's hand is sometimes used for the same purpose. The thieves anoint it with an unguent, light it, and the fingers flame. Yet the fetish often fails; the threatened householder is aroused in spite of the charm and proceeds to defend his property.

Isn't it almost impossible to conceive that such abominable and absurd superstitions can exist in these days? Yet they do—right here in England; and not by any means among the criminal classes only. The learned physicians, we grieve to say, reluctantly abandon theories of disease which science proves untenable. "The medical profession," says one of its brightest members, "is but slowly emerging from the darkness of barbarism."

Take an illustration. Under date of September 22nd, 1892, Mrs. Eliza Matthews, of 1, North Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware, near London, writes: "I first became ill just about one year ago. The attack was marked by loss of appetite, a foul taste in the mouth, vomiting up my food, pain in the chest and sides after eating, and a sinking, all-gone sensation at the pit of the stomach. My eyes were yellow, skin dark and sallow, and a constant pain between my shoulders. I was also badly constipated, and the least exertion set my heart thumping so I could hardly get my breath. I had frequent attacks of sick headache which confined me to my room for days together. At such times I could not touch a morsel of food. I got little or no sleep at night, and would toss on the bed for hours. I became thin and weak and was no good for work.

"I thought at first it was the change of life that caused all this—as I was in my fortieth year when I was taken bad. I had a doctor and took medicines, but nothing did me any real good, and I continued to suffer year after year."

Now will the reader please note what Mrs. Matthews' doctor told her was the cause of her illness? We quote her own words: "*The doctor said that my ailments were brought about by the smell of the farmyard.*"

On this he ordered a change of air—a logical deduction from his diagnosis.

The lady obeyed. The husband gave up his situation on his wife's account, and they moved from Bentley Priory, Stanmore, to Burnt Oak. With what result? She tells it: "*I got no better for the change,*" as she would have done if the farmyard smells had been at the bottom of her troubles.

Finally, Mrs. Matthews says, her aunt at Chelmsford recommended Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup. The first few doses gave relief, and *in two months* she was strong and well as ever. She says, "Mother Seigel saved me after all others had tried and failed."

What can be said in the way of comment on a thing like this? But for the medical man with his "farmyard" idea of disease the lady might have known what really ailed and got hold of the remedy long ago. She suffered from indigestion and dyspepsia. The farmyard didn't cause it, and moving about couldn't cure it. But what a shame that suffering people should be so played upon and misguided.

Indeed, it does appear to be true that about all the light some men enjoy comes from the remote past—from the *anointed hands of dead men.*

Still, there's a better day coming, and Common-sense, Science, and Mother Seigel are hurrying it along.

MORTALITY IN IPSWICH.

An Abstract of the Return of Deaths for the week ending Saturday, November 24th, 1894.

Portman Street—scarlet fever, 17 months, male.
Nelson Road—accidental suffocation, 3 weeks, female.
Borough Asylum—epilepsy, 55 years, male.
Star Lane—phthisis, 23 years, male.
Beck Street—phthisis, 29 years, female.
Bacon's Buildings—phthisis, 36 years, male.
Orford Street—phthisis, 18 years, female.
Ann Street—phthisis, 24 years, female.
Gower Street—phthisis, 55 years, male.
Union Workhouse—heart disease and lungs, 35 years, female.
Union Street—heart disease and dropsy, 47 years, male.
Westerfield Road—heart disease, 71 years, female.
Siloam Place—Bright's disease, 34 years, male.
St. George's Street—Bright's disease, 73 years, female.
Cemetery Road—cancer, 40 years, female.
Great Whip Street—intestinal obstruction, 25 years, female.
Union Workhouse—apoplexy, 65 years, male.
Holland Road—apoplexy, 64 years, female.
Benezet Street—paralysis, 55 years, female.
Newson Street—cardiac failure, 80 years, male.

Males, 9; females, 11; total, 20.
Annual death-rate in Ipswich for the week 17·7 per 1,000.

GEORGE S. ELLISTON,
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The Registrar-General reports the annual rate of mortality in 33 great towns of England and Wales for the week ending November 24th averaged 17·3 per 1,000 of their aggregate population. The rate in Norwich was 22, and in West Ham 15.

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Sir Charles Dalrymple, M.P., will visit Ipswich on December 12th, and address meetings on that date, and also on the 14th.

HARTISMERE UNION: ELECTION OF RETURNING OFFICER.

An extraordinary meeting of the Hartismere Guardians was held at Eye, yesterday, when Mr. Edward Bond, son of the Clerk to the Guardians undertook to discharge the duties of returning officer in the Parish Council elections. Thus a question which has been long in obeyance and which has caused some anxiety, has now been satisfactorily settled.

A CHILD SCALDED TO DEATH AT DENHAM.

An inquest was conducted by Mr. C. W. Chaston, at the Green Man Inn, Denham, on Thursday, relative to the death of Harry Oakes, aged two years, the son of a master carpenter. The evidence of the mother showed that on Monday last, while engaged in her washing, she left a tub of boiling water standing on the kitchen floor. She went into the garden, accompanied by the deceased, to hang out the linen, but the child ran back into the kitchen before her. Whilst returning to the house she heard a scream, and on rushing into the room where the child was, found it fallen into the boiling water, and was very severely scalded. Dr. Phillips was sent for, but the unfortunate little boy expired a few hours later. Verdict:—"Accidental death."

MRS. CHANT HECKLED.

FREE FIGHT AT A MEETING.

Mrs. Ormiston Chant had at Bridgwater Town Hall on Wednesday night to face an active and assertive opposition. She was subjected to frequent interruptions, and cheers were at intervals given for the "Empire." Several persons were at last forcibly ejected. Mrs. Chant declared that she believed in music-halls for the poor, but not in paying five shillings for admission to places of entertainment where dividends of 75 per cent. were obtainable chiefly from the profits of drinking in the auditorium and promenade. She did not mind the public howling and hissing at her if they would only study the question for themselves, apart from the influence of public-houses. At the close of the proceedings a representative of the licensed victuallers essayed to speak, but the meeting broke up in disorder, and some free fighting ensued.

THE BORTH MURDER.

CONDEMNED MAN CONFESSES.

Francis Richards, who had been sentenced to death for the murder of his sister-in-law at Borth, and who was hanged on Thursday morning, has confessed. In a detailed account of his crime, in which he speaks first of leaving his ship, the Electra, at Neath on 19th September, and of the drunken bouts which followed, he tells of his visit while under the influence of drink to the house of his sister-in-law, and goes on: "I tried the window first, and found there was no bolt, and I went in. Then I began to look for the drawer where I thought the money was kept, so I lit a match. It took me about five minutes to secure all the money I could find. As I went upstairs I heard deceased strike a match, and on entering her bedroom I found her with one foot out of the bed. She screamed, and I pushed her, and then

THREW THE PILLOW ON HER FACE

to prevent her screams. No unnecessary violence was used, and all I thought of was to get away. I was not there a moment, and I did nothing to her in any way indecent. I did not intend to harm her in any way, and I am innocent of any such intention. I did not know she was dead till the police told me. I was only in the house a little over five minutes, and there was no struggle at all. I said nothing to her and she said nothing to me. Some of the money I put under the door of my wife's house, and the other I sent back to my sister-in-law's." In another part of his confession the condemned man alludes to fever he had caught on the West Coast of Africa and violent pains he had since suffered in his head, and concluding, he says, "I have only come to myself since I have been in custody, and I am nearly broken-hearted at what has happened."

MUSIC AND DRAMA IN SUFFOLK.

Mr. Henry Dundas's company in the comedy-drama "Pleasure," have met with a hearty reception this week from the habitues of the Ipswich Lyceum. As its title suggests, comedy is the prevailing element of the piece, and mounted as it is by special scenery, similar to that produced at Drury Lane, a critical audience could not fail to derive intense amusement from "Pleasure."

It is to be hoped for the credit of Ipswich playgoers that the engagement of Mr. Otho Stuart's Company at the Lyceum next week in "The Masqueraders" will be attended with good results. That the piece is worth seeing there can be no question; produced at the St. James's Theatre early this year, it is still running at the same theatre. A short interval to fulfil provincial engagements only has intervened. The London papers were unanimous on the merits of the play. The *Times* writes, "The Masqueraders is the freshest, the most vigorous, the most splendidly audacious play Mr. Henry Arthur Jones has yet written." The *Daily Telegraph* said:"This is no problem play; this is a human play. The men as they stand are of flesh and blood; the women appeal to every fibre of our nature. Mrs. Hall Caine, daughter of the celebrated novelist of that name, plays the leading part, Dulcie Larondie, created in London by Mrs. Patrick Campbell, now played by Miss Evelyn Millard, Mr. Otho Stuart and Mr. James E. Thomson, the parts played respectively by Mr. Geo. Alexander and Mr. Herbert Waring, while Mr. Gerald Gurney plays a character part. The remaining parts are, we believe, all adequately filled, so that a good company with a good piece ought to succeed and bring to a successful close the autumn season at the Lyceum. The booking for the performance of Iolanthe at the Ipswich Lyceum, on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 13th, 14th, and 15th, is immense. The second effort of the Ipswich Amateur Opera Company promises to be even more successful than their first.

Mendelssohn's and Gounod's works are ever welcome, and it was a happy inspiration on the part of Mr. W. J. Wightman, the popular organist of Turret Green Chapel, Ipswich, to arrange for an evening with these great masters. The popularity of sacred music in Ipswich, at all events, was demonstrated on Thursday evening, when the Chapel was filled to overflowing. An excellent programme was arranged by Mr. Wightman. Miss A. L. Broome sang in a sympathetic manner, "O for the wings of a dove," and "The Lord is mindful of His own"; the duet, with chorus, "I waited for the Lord," by Mrs. Read and Miss S. Wightman, were in safe hands; but perhaps the most popular—and deservedly so—features of the evening were the "Allegretto and last movement from Sonata No. 4," and the "Berceuse and Romance" organ solos by Mr. H. A. Wheeldon (Mus. Bac.), and the piano and organ duet by Miss Hinchliffe and Mr. W. J. Wightman, all of whom displayed considerable skill in their rendering of the more difficult passages. Mr. Wheeldon also did himself credit as conductor. Praise is due to the other contributors to the programme, including Miss Roper, Miss Gooderham, and Messrs. W. Goffin, W. Underwood, J. W. Read, and R. W. Smyth. When we say that Miss Hinchliffe was responsible for the piano accompaniments, it is sufficient guarantee that the vocalists received valuable assistance; but credit should also be given Miss A. K. Smith, who most ably supplied the violin accompaniments.

On Thursday evening the members of the Dramatic Company of the Leiston Y.M.F.S. gave their second performance of this season in the Works Hall, and their reappearance was witnessed by a large audience. The interior of the Works Hall, which has of late been entirely altered and greatly improved, has had a further addition made to it through the kindness of Messrs. Richard Garrett and Sons, who have provided and fixed a new stage, complete in every respect, wings and all up-to-date requirements, and this gift is greatly conducive to the successful production of entertainments. The stage was effectively decorated and furnished through the painstaking efforts of Mrs. Valiant and W. Wolfe, and the performance was gone through without a hitch. The two pieces chosen were both comical farces, the first being "Slasher and Crasher," with the following cast:—Benjamin Blowhard, Mr. J. E. Blakemore; Sampson Slasher, Mr. F. Fisk; Christopher Crasher, Mr. E. Drake; Lieutenant Brown, Mr. W. Osborne; John, Mr. J. Pheby; Miss Dinah Blowhard, Mr. C. Goddard; Rosa, Mr. A. Valiant. In this piece Mr. Blowhard refuses the union of his niece and sister to Slasher and Crasher, having heard they refused to retaliate after being insulted. The tables are eventually turned on Mr. Blowhard in a most amusing manner, and he is forced to consent to their marriage. The comedy was full of laughter-provoking fun. Mr. Frank Fisk was intensely comic, acting his part with great skill, and was well supported by Mr. Drake in the other leading part of Crasher. Mr. Blakemore came out strong as the retired trumpeter. All the reformers did full justice to their respective parts. The characters for the second piece "Two heads are better than one," were taken as follows:—Mr. Strange, Mr. Herbert Fisk, Charles Corquest, Mr. C. Wolfe, Mr. Maxwelton, Mr. F. Wolfe, Sammy Maxwelton, Mr. C. Goddard, Ellen Strange, and Mr. A. Valiant. In this play a young lady introduces her lover into her uncle's house. The uncle being shortsighted, and not wishing her lover to be seen, he places his head through a hole in the table, and makes it represent a "dolly." In this Mr. C. Wolfe was quite at home in his representation of the lover, and carried out to perfection the somewhat uncomfortable performances with the table. — Goddard, as the halfwitted youth, proved the life of the company, and all the actors came out well in the ludicrous climax. Much credit is due to Mrs. Valiant for the excellent manner in which she turned out the "ladies," whose dresses were certainly the best that have ever been worn by the members of the Society who represented the weaker sex. During the evening musical items conduced to make the intervals interesting. A pianoforte solo, "Palaca Brilliante" (Weber) was excellently performed by Miss Titlow, who, with her sister Jessie, later on played a duet, "En Route" (Sydney Smith). Mr. Arthur Baldry also sang to good effect "Tommy Atkins" in character, and Mr. Frank Fisk pleased the company with his recitation, "How we beat the Captain's colt." The Rector and all who took part in the entertainment are to be congratulated on its success, to which the audience fully testified by repeated applause, and it is to be hoped that this excellent amateurs' society will not be long in producing other plays on the local stage.

Hudson's is the Soap to buy,
As everybody knows—
It quickly drives the dirt away,
But won't wear out the clothes!

PURCHASE OF CHRISTCHURCH PARK.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INQUIRY.

The negotiations for the purchase of Christchurch Park, Ipswich, were advanced a step further yesterday, when Col. Ducat, R.E., a Local Government Board Inspector, held an inquiry in the Council Chamber into the application by the Ipswich Corporation for sanction to borrow a sum of £18,000 for the purchase and laying out of Christchurch Park, and £2,000 for sewage disposal works by the Hermite system of treatment. Supporting the application of the Town Council, the Town Clerk (Mr. Will. Bantoft) explained to the Inspector that the money proposed to be borrowed was for permanent works, in view of which it was desirable that a period of 50 years should be allowed for repayment. With the exception of a sum of £900 for road making and fences, the whole of the £18,500 was required for the acquirement of the park. The population had risen from 37,950 in 1861 to 57,360 in 1891, and an increased rateable value had steadily accompanied the growth of the population. The rateable value in 1872 was £131,783, while this year the rates had been levied on an assessment of £227,635. This year's total rates amounted to 6s. in the £. Having spoken of the valuable assets the town holds, Mr. Bantoft refuted the charge that the burdens of the town would be increased by the proposed undertakings. The ratepayers would next year be relieved of the payment of £500 by the redemption of the Town Hall loan; in 1899 the Asylum loan of £27,000 would cease and relieve the inhabitants of the payment of £900 per annum in principal alone. Those two amounts, minus interest, totalled £1,400, and were considerably more than the annual charge incurred if the proposed loans were sanctioned. In 1910, however, the loan of £45,000 for the erection of a Post Office and Corn Exchange would also cease and thus relieve the ratepayers of a further sum of £2,714 per annum. Urban Sanitary bonds of the amount of £1,800 would, in January next, free a sum of £60 per year; while in 1910 the burgesses would also be relieved of the annual payment of £1,500 per annum capital by the setting free of £14,000 borrowed on account of sewerage works. Therefore, proceeded the Town Clerk with emphasis, instead of the town's burdens being increased, they would, in the next few years, be greatly reduced. The

ANNUAL CHARGE FALLING UPON THE RATEPAYERS

in respect to the proposed loan would be £719, namely, principal to form a sinking fund in the redemption of stock, £164 a year, taking the sinking fund to be invested at three per cent. The annual interest on the stock at three per cent. would be £550.—But what would the park cost to maintain? pertinently queried the Inspector.—To this the Town Clerk made a comprehensive reply. The cost, he said, would be small, and a penny rate would raise more than the annual burden. Having spoken of its accessibility, central situation, and the varied use to which Christchurch Park had from time to time been put, Mr. Bantoft explained the circumstances which led to the present enquiry, the Corporation having been approached in the first instance ten years ago. He contended that the price was small, and pointed to the fact that Lord Gwydyr and Mr. E. Packard, sen., had withdrawn their opposition. The present Mayor, added the Town Clerk, had also withdrawn his opposition, and the three new Councillors elected on November 1st supported the purchase.—Mr. J. H. Josselyn and Mr. A. J. Merry opposed the purchase, but what more could they say against it than had already been said repeatedly; while Mr. D. Ford Goddard, Ald. Cowell, and Mr. A. Cattermole vigorously supported. They too, however, were in the same position; the arguments for and against had become stereotyped; add after hearing both friends and foes, Col. Ducat promised to inspect the park. The question of

SEWAGE TREATMENT

afterwards engaged the attention of the Inspector. As was fully explained in our columns a short time ago, the Corporation propose to deodorise the sewage while still in the mains, by means of the Hermite process. This means that electro-clysed sea water is forced into the sewers, which has the effect (as shown by numerous experiments) of totally disinfecting and deodorising the sewage matter. No opposition whatever was offered to this part of the Corporation's application; on the contrary, it was strongly supported as being an efficient and economical method of treatment, and well adapted for the town of Ipswich.

CORRESPONDENCE.

**** This column is open for the free expression of our readers' opinions on matters to which it is desirable publicity should be given. We expect all letters to be free from verbiage and strictly to the point. It must be understood, however, that we do not identify ourselves with the opinions of correspondents.*

THE REPRESENTATION OF IPSWICH.

[To the Editor.]

Sir,—Will you allow me, through your columns, to state in answer to several correspondents that there is not, and never has been, the smallest foundation for the statement, or suggestion of the statements, that I contemplated retiring from the representation of Ipswich in Parliament. When a candidate in the Unionist interest was lately being sought for Midlothian, a statement was put about in regard to me in connection with that county; but I never was even asked to stand for Midlothian, much less did I contemplate doing so. The adoption of Major the Hon. North Dalrymple immediately afterwards as Unionist candidate conclusively put an end to any rumours about me, though it is just possible that his name had in some minds been confused with mine, before his candidature was publicly announced.—I remain, &c.,

CHARLES DALRYMPLE.

Newbailes, Musselburgh, N.B.,
November 27th, 1894.

AGRICULTURAL DEPRESSION.

SUGGESTED DUTY ON FOREIGN FLOUR.

[To the Editor.]

Sir,—Seeing and hearing so much about agricultural depression, and being a practical working farmer myself, I have no difficulty in forming an opinion on the matter, which I trust you will permit me to lay before your readers. I think it is quite time the present Government looked the problem in the face and tried to do something for the benefit of agricultural interests generally. I am not a prophet, but I cannot help thinking that the Government ought to look more to our home industries, whatever they be. With regard to what is called Free Trade in England it seems to me to be onesided trade. I ask the question, what is England to-day compared with what it was before steam power was invented? It might be old England then, but what is it to-day as far as trade and production is concerned? We are quite as near to America, Australia, and nearly all other foreign countries as some parts of England were to London and Liverpool before steam power was in use. One thing is quite certain, that unless something is done at once, directly or indirectly, to improve agriculture the land will be forced out of cultivation. I am quite certain most of the arable land will have to be laid down to grass, except where near a town or railway station. That means that most of the agricultural labourers will be thrown out of employment. I am not much of a protectionist, but I certainly think we ought to protect the industries of our own country. I have always said, let all the world send us what wheat they please in the raw state, but would it not be a great benefit to us if it was manufactured here? That alone would make a large money difference to our country if a duty of what the wheat cost to manufacture were put upon all imported flour, which, in my opinion, would not cost a farthing more to the consumer. The milling industry would be quite another thing from what it is to-day. I have always held the opinion that if we kept the manufacturing industries in England in full swing we should have a good demand for our home produced meat and barley. That would help us to meet the foreigner in our markets. I have no doubt whatever that most of the good, sound, honest working men will agree that many things might be done to benefit our country at large; but not the loafers, idlers and agitators. They are looking in quite another direction—something approaching revolution.—Yours, &c.,

C. DEVEREUX.

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RACE BETWEEN OCTOGENARIANS AT EYE.

On Thursday Mr. Thomas Wells, of Eye, aged 86 years, and Mr. Benjamin Harvey, who hails from Ridlingfield, and is 85 years of age, chanced to meet at Langton Green, when each began to boast of what they could achieve in spite of the weight of their fourscore and odd years, especially in the matter of pedestrianism. The contention waxed warmer and warmer as each asserted his title to be the better man of the two, and there appeared very little prospect of the problem being solved until it occurred to Tom to challenge his opponent to a race, which Ben, on his part was nothing loth to accept, and there and then the distance, about 120 yars, was decided upon. It should be stated that the competitors both travel with the aid of two sticks, and to see them toe the mark, each leaning upon their staves, ready for the start, was a sight for the Gods. Upon the word "go" being given, both got well away together, and a neck and neck race ensued, till within a short distance from the finish, when Tom spurted, and won a good, if not a fast race, by about 2½ yards, when he appeared quite fresh. Ben, on the contrary, was fairly pumped, and declared he could not gave gone much further.

ACROSS THE SUPPER TABLE

PROVIDENT PUBLIC MEN DISCUSS

THE FUTURE OF IPSWICH.

The happy distinction between the old-fashioned dinners and the new-fashioned suppers initiated by Mr. Albert Ranson can easily be made. The rent audit festivities, Town Jury Club, and Society for the Prosecution of Felons' merry meetings, were retrospective. The social function which has originated in Mr. Ranson's fertile brain is prospective. In the one the talk was mostly of the past; in the other it is principally of the future. The public men of town and country who gathered at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, at Ipswich, on Thursday evening appreciated this fact. Their presence, indeed, showed that they were in full sympathy with Mr. Ranson's ambition to induce the upper and middle classes to do on a scale fitting their respective positions what the lower classes have done in a smaller way through Friendly Societies —prepare for the unforeseen. The unexpected, as Mr. Ranson has frequently demonstrated, is constantly happening to one person or another, and no grade feel it more than those who occupy a responsible position in life. It is for this section of the community that the insurance broker especially lays himself out, and, in enabling them to cover every sort of risk, secure for themselves an endowment for declining days, or protect their wives and children against the worst. Mr. Ranson claims that he is not only bringing grist to his own mill, but conferring a public benefit. The strides which his business alone has made evidence an increased providence in this direction, and his friends are glad to meet each year round the social board, and congratulate him on what he is doing for the district in general, and himself in particular. Mr. Quilter, as usual, furnished and elegant repast, and after the loyal toasts, Mr. T. R. Elkington gave "the County of Suffolk," regretting that the agricultural classes were unable to unite in suggesting a remedy for the prevalent depression.—Mr. R. E. Turner, of Elmsett, said he had hitherto endeavoured to put a good face on the state of affairs, but this year he could hold out no longer. Agriculturists had now got a blow, such as, he believed, would strike so home that if a turn in the tide of affairs did not come speedily

THE AGRICULTURAL INTEREST WOULD GO TO RUIN.

The towns must come to the rescue, or they would soon find the depression seriously telling upon them. With regard to what had been said as to the lack of unity among the agricultural classes, he thought that Lord Winchilsea's Union had struck the right key-note in endeavouring to combine all the interests for their common good. If that were heartily taken up they might agree as to most points, and then help might be obtained from towns. He hoped that they had got to the bottom of things in the matter of this depression, and that being granted the relief they needed, and the over-production in foreign countries declining, they might yet be able to make a good fight against the foreigner. (Cheers.)—Mr. J. W. Deuchar, manager of the Norwich Union Insurance Company, proposed "The Health of the Mayor and Corporation of Ipswich," coupled with the names of the Deputy-Mayor (Mr. S. R. Anness) and Mr. Councillor Elkington. They recalled with pleasure that one of the first engagements which Mr. Anness made last year as Mayor was to attend that function, and they were glad to welcome him there again.—The Deputy-Mayor, in response, briefly touched on the events in his year of office which had been reviewed by Mr. Deuchar, especially expressing satisfaction at the purchase of part of Christchurch Park, and the crowning gift of the mansion by Mr. Felix T. Cobbold.—Mr. A. F. Bailey, London manager of the Union Office, presented the toast of "The Town and Trade of Ipswich," calling on Mr. Lewis Moir and Mr. J. S. Corder to respond.—Mr. Moir, with a witty reference to his burglary experiences, said he supposed he was invited to that supper from a feeling that he was like the man who, travelling from Jerusalem to Jericho, fell among thieves, and was stripped of his raiment. (Loud laughter.) They did not even leave him a pocket-handkerchief. (Renewed laughter.) Immediately Mr. Ranson heard of his trouble he sent one of his lieutenants to wait upon him on the subject of insurance—(laughter)—and that evening he had invited him to supper. He (Mr. Moir) appreciated Mr. Ranson's sympathy with him in his trouble. (Laughter.) —Mr. John S. Corder touched on the antiquity of the town, remarking it might be said of that what was said by a certain mayor of his birthplace—it used to be an old town. (Laughter.) A thousand years ago

COINS WERE MADE IN IPSWICH,

and Roman coins and remains had been found near the place.—The Chairman next toasted the "Insurance Managers," speaking with pleasure of the compliment paid to the Company by the presence of Mr. Deuchar, the manager of the Norwich Union, and of Mr. Bailey, the manager of the Union Fire Office. He rejoiced at the marvellous increase of business which had followed on Mr. Deuchar's accession to the management of the old Eastern Counties office. The new business had shown an increase of 600 per cent. compared with what it was when he took over the duties eight years ago. (Loud cheers.)—Mr. Deuchar, in reply, said it did not lie with himself or any other one man to raise a business in the enormous proportions to which Mr. Ranson had alluded. But he must say that no one individual had done more to assist him in making this great advance than Mr. Ranson himself. (Loud cheers.)—Mr. J. B. Fraser, in eulogistic terms, proposed "The health of the Chairman," remarking that he was carrying on a great business, which was yet in its infancy, and which would do even more good in the future than in the past. The calling in which Mr. Ranson was engaged was an honourable one, calculated to benefit not only himself, but the community, and he wished him health and prosperity.—Mr. Ranson, who was accorded musical honours, thanked his friends for the support they had given him. His endeavour had been, and would continue to be, to advocate insurance on broad principles, rather than any one particular office or scheme. (Hear, hear.) Insurance might be called the great equaliser of events, and many of his clients had had reason to be very grateful to him for his efforts to induce them to protect themselves against the unforeseen. He did his utmost for them, and he was glad his efforts were appreciated. (Applause.)—During the evening Mr. John S. Corder, whose fund of humour seems inexhaustible, gave several songs of a mirth-provoking character, and songs were also contributed by Mr. J. T. Rainer, Mr. H. A. Boar, and Mr. F. W. Dalby, and recitations by Mr. J. B. Fraser and Mr. R. E. Turner.

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HOW THE WORLD WAGS.

(Continued from page 3.)

Harleston: A Septuagenarian's Suicide.—Mr. James Squire, who was a retired carpenter, and upwards of 70 years of age, on Thursday committed suicide by hanging himself in a coal cellar. The deceased had suffered from melancholia and failing health for some time past.

Hadleigh: Young Men's Institute.—The annual meeting of the Hadleigh Young Men's Institute and Reading Room was held on Thursday evening, Mr. R. H. Cook, the president, in the chair. The balance-sheet was produced, showing the receipts for the past year to have been £34 5s. 9d., and the expenditure £32 10s. 1½d., leaving £1 15s. 7½d. in hand. Mr. R. H. Cook was re-elected president, and Mr. H. Fromant hon. sec. and treasurer. The retiring members of the Committee, Messrs. P. H. Wilson and S. Wythe, were also re-elected, and the name of Mr. C. A. Grimwade added in the place of Mr. A. J. Grimwade.

Ipswich Jonclar Football Club.—The Jonclars celebrated the termination of their football club on Wednesday evening at the Rose Inn, St. Peter's, Ipswich, by a dinner and social evening. The treasurer, Mr. W. V. Leverett, presided, and Mr. S. Sweet was the vice-chairman. Both the Chairman and Vice-chairman regretted that the club had dispersed, but only, they trusted, for this season.—Mr. A. G. Turvey, the secretary, in giving a statement of accounts, explained the reason of the Club breaking up, viz., want of ground and indifference of some of the members. He should be glad to see the Club revived, and would continue to give it his support.—The Captain, Mr. E. V. Battley, in speaking of the matches played, stated that they were beaten in the first part of the season, but at the next were able to show a better record.—The evening was enlivened with capital songs and recitations by Messrs. S. Sweet, J. Scrivener, F. Wade, E. V. Battley, A. G. Turvey, F. Stow, A. W. Stow, and W. Gooderham, whilst Mr. F. Bowman ably presided at the piano.

Wickham Market Sports Committee are desirous of continuing their work of public interest in the winter, and they have decided to hold an exhibition for the benefit of the poor who require extra fires during the cold weather. Coals will be purchased with the proceeds.

Worlingworth: Primrose League Meeting.—On Thursday a most successful entertainment was given under the auspices of the Primrose League, when the Rev. F. French took the chair, and spoke on the principles of the League, and also referred to the Bill for the Disestablishment of the Welsh Church and the duty of every Christian to maintain the rights and privileges of the National Church. The Rev. H. S. Marriott, ruling councillor, gave a good speech, but did not keep the audience long.—Mr. R. E. Noble, barrister, who had come from town for the occasion, gave a capital explanation of the three great principles of the Primrose League, viz., the upholding of religion, the maintenance of the Constitution, and the unity of the Empire. A few songs by the Misses Jones, Miss K. French, and Mr. W. J. Lamb made a pleasant variety in the evening's proceedings, which closed with "God save the Queen" and three hearty cheers for her gracious Majesty.

Woodbridge: Christmas Holidays.—A meeting of the Tradesmen's Association was held at the Mechanics' Room, on Tuesday evening, for the purpose of considering the question of the Christmas holidays. Mr. A. S. Gross presided. The Secretary (Mr. Geo. Gall, jun.) read a letter, signed by Messrs. H. Page, B. W. Maskell, and E. Leech, on behalf of the assistants of the town, asking that business might be suspended on Monday, the 24th December. After considerable discussion, the meeting reluctantly came to the decision that it was undesirable to close on that day. Another communication was read suggesting that the holidays should be lengthened by closing on the Thursday following Boxing Day, but this also was considered impracticable. The shops of the town will, therefore, be closed only on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Woodbridge Board of Guardians.—At the weekly meeting on Thursday, Mr. W. P. T. Phillips presiding, the Visiting Committee of the Workhouse reported that three blind male inmates applied to have tea with their supper meal. This, the Master pointed out could not be granted without permission from the Local Government Board, and the Board thereupon decided to apply for such permission, and also (on the suggestion of Mr. J. Fincham, the master) that the same privilege might be allowed to the women employed in the wash-house. The number of inmates in the Workhouse was 96 this week, as compared with 98 in the corresponding week last year. Sir W. Brampton Gurdon was accorded a vote of thanks for a box of oranges which he had forwarded for the inmates as a parting gift. The number in receipt of out-relief the previous week was 677 (of these 165 were children, and only 61 able-bodied), at a cost of £57 11s. 9½d., which compared favourably with the corresponding period last year, when 726 persons were in receipt of out-relief, and the expenditure was £60 7s. 9½d.

Woodbridge Petty Sessions: Scene in Court.—At these Sessions on Wednesday, John B. Rattle, of Walton, donkey proprietor, was charged with allowing two donkeys to stray on the highway at Felixstowe, on the 17th November. Fined 2s. 6d. for each donkey and 9s. 6d. costs.—Elizabeth Chatten, single woman, was charged by Mr. George Mason, master of Plomesgate Union-house, with refusing to do the work given her on the 25th November. Mr. Mason proved the case and stated that defendant had been a very great deal of trouble. This was the sixth time she had been before the Bench for various offences in the Workhouse. Sentenced to 21 days' hard labour. The defendant upon hearing the sentence threw herself into a violent fit of temper, and after dashing herself against the door, jumped out of the dock, but was promptly secured by the police. So desperate however was she in her struggles that she managed to release herself and was with difficulty removed from the Court.

Woodbridge: Temperance Sunday.—The various Temperance organisations at Woodbridge inaugurated a "Temperance Sunday" with considerable success on Sunday last. In the afternoon a united gathering took place at the Quay Congregational Church, when the following Schools and Societies were represented:—Quay Sunday School and Band of Hope, Society of Friends' Band of Hope, Wesleyan Sunday School and Band of Hope, Quay Christian Endeavour Mission, Woodbridge Temperance Society and Wesleyan Pleasant Sunday Afternoon Class. The service was conducted by Rev. A. Barritt, of Cambridge, assisted by Rev. A. T. Palmer and Mr. H. S. Margrett. The collections were in aid of the Bands of Hope taking part. In the evening a Gospel Temperance meeting was held in the Lecture Hall, Rev. A. Barritt presiding, supported by the Rev. A. T. Palmer, Rev. W. Gathercole, Mr. H. S. Margrett, Captain Stanbridge, and other temperance workers. The collection was devoted to the funds of the Woodbridge Temperance Society and Salvation Army.

Wortham: Technical Classes.—Carpentry: This class is so numerously attended for the room in which it is conducted that instead of two evenings, it is held four evenings weekly. Continuation Class: This class has been at work and very well attended since 1st October by 25 members (married and single), who are instructed in reading, composition, useful arithmetic, mensuration, and drawing.

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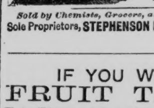

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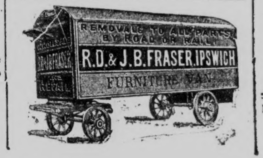

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